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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom; to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it; to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

We wish all our readers a very happy and delightful Christmas. In whatever part of the world they find themselves may they be conscious of the spiritual bond of fellowship by which we are all united; may the holiday season add to the fulness and richness of life, and may it give renewed strength for the great work which awaits us in the coming year.

The Woman's Burden.

We publish as a Christmas Supplement this week a photograph of the beautiful figure that dominates the Sculpture Section of the Russian Art Exhibition. Mr. C. Isenberg, the Russian sculptor, is very keenly interested in the fight for emancipation now being waged by women in this country against the Government, and he has dedicated this work to our Movement.

His figure is the expression of Woman doubly handicapped. Humanity carries the Cross, Woman carries the Cross and the Child. Her cause is therefore twice sacred. That is the message that the artist has for us and for the world. The Committee of the Russian Art Exhibition freely offered special permission to the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN to reproduce this photograph, and on behalf of the Union we express our thanks to them and to Mr. Isenberg.

The End of the Election.

The General Election is now over. Unless the Wick election, the result of which was not to hand as we went to press, gives another gain to the Unionist Party, the coalition of Liberals, Labour, and Irish, by which Mr. Asquith's Government is supported, will have a majority of 126 in the new House of Commons; just two more than what they had in the last House. Dissected into parties the Liberals return with 272, or three less than they had before; the Labour Party with 42, or two more than in January; Mr. Redmond with 76, or four more; Mr. O'Brien with eight, or two less; and the Unionists with 272, or one less than at the last General Election. For practical purposes, therefore, the situation remains unchanged.

W.S.P.U. Victories.

Of the contests during the last week there were four to which the Women's Social and Political Union devoted special attention, and in two out of these four—the High Peak division of Derbyshire and St. Andrews Burghs—a seat has been wrested from the Liberal party, the loss in the High Peak involving the

defeat of a Minister, Mr. Partington. This brings the number of wins in constituencies especially worked by the Women's Social and Political Union in this election up to a total of ten (counting 20 on a division). But taking the country as a whole, there are probably no less than a score of additional seats with narrow Unionist majorities in which the Liberal candidate has encountered defeat owing to the loss of prestige which his party has suffered from its attitude to Woman Suffrage. Thus, altogether, Mr. Asquith has a majority sixty or seventy less than he otherwise would have had if he had not brought into opposition against him the women of the country.

The Proposed Plural Voting Bill.

Liberal politicians are already busy preparing their programme. The Veto Bill, Home Rule, Payment of Members, Invalidity Insurance have been promised for some time past; to these has now been added authoritatively a Bill to abolish plural voting. The Master of Elibank, speaking at Midlothian on Friday, said:—

I now have the authority of the Prime Minister to state that if the Liberal party is returned to office—and there is every prospect that it will be returned with an extremely comfortable majority—the Government proposes to proceed at as early a date as possible, having regard to the other business which will be before the House of Commons, with a Plural Voting Bill, in which they will set up "one man one vote," and abolish plural voting, which is of such extreme advantage to their Conservative friends.

"P.W.W." in the *Daily News* puts this forward as one of the proposals for next session. Women certainly have no intention of allowing any other measure affect-

ing the franchise to be given precedence over Woman Suffrage, and if Ministers attempt to carry such a Bill before women are enfranchised they must reckon in advance upon trouble from the women of the country.

Will There be Another Conference?

Meanwhile there is considerable speculation as to the course of business which will be adopted in the first session with regard to the Veto Bill. "Conservative," in a letter which the *Times* printed in large type on its leading article page on Monday last, discusses the position, and hints at another Conference:—

An agreement last year would have involved concessions which, though they were not fundamentally inadmissible, neither side felt justified in taking the responsibility of making without a further appeal to the country. Has the result of that appeal been such as to make a resumption of negotiations impossible? Obviously not. It is useless for us to pretend that we have not been beaten on a perfectly straight issue. It is equally useless for the Government to pretend that their majority is of the same compact and homogeneous character as the majorities of equal or even smaller numerical strength which have stood behind the great movements of the past. In resuming negotiations the Unionist leaders would, of course, have to reckon with "the stricken field." They must be prepared to go much further than they were willing to go a few weeks ago.

If this view be accepted by the Unionist leaders and endorsed by the Liberal Cabinet—which seems not unlikely in consideration of the desire for harmony in the Coronation year—then the session of 1911 may follow somewhat the course of the session of 1910, and there will be even more time than would be available in the normal course of business for the discussion and passage of a Woman Suffrage measure.

The Labour Party and the Osborne Judgment.

According to a correspondent of the *Times* the Labour Party are taking a leaf out of the book of the women and becoming restive at the attempt of the Prime Minister to postpone their Bill for amending the Osborne judgment until after next session. It is stated that steps will be taken to force the Government to produce a Bill in 1911, and that if one is not forthcoming the Labour members will ballot for a Bill of their own. As 42 votes are worth conciliating it is quite possible the Government may decide to bow to the storm.

The Last At Homes for the Season.

Two enthusiastic meetings wound up the series of Thursday and Monday At Homes of the W.S.P.U. for the season. On Thursday, in the Memorial Hall, with Mrs. Drummond in the chair, Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. Pethick Lawrence spoke of the successful work done by the W.S.P.U. in the General Election. Seventy-one promises of new subscribers to *VOTES FOR WOMEN* were sent up to the platform. On Monday Mrs. Pankhurst again spoke at the Queen's Hall, and dealt with the bearing of recent legislation on women. Lady Meyer gave a striking defence of the militant agitation. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence spoke of the "Woman's Burden," and Christabel Pankhurst sketched out the political situation. As we have already announced, these meetings will be resumed on January 23 in the Queen's Hall, and January 26 in the Steinway Hall.

Women's Lodging Houses.

No one fact shows more clearly the total failure of men to look after the interest of women at the present day than the neglect to secure decent lodging houses for single women in their cities. Speaking recently at a drawing-room meeting of the National Association for Women's Lodging Homes, given at the house of the treasurer, Mrs. Hylton Dale, Mr. F. G. Mackereth painted a picture of almost unrelieved black. In London, in contrast to the palatial Rowton Houses and the L.C.C. lodging houses for men there is scarcely a decent or respectable house for single women. In Nottingham there are 31 lodging houses for men only, and 31 for "doubles"—that is to say, for men and women together—but not a bed for a single woman. Most of the other large towns are in a similar position, almost the only exceptions being Glasgow, which for many years has had a well-regulated municipal lodging-house for women, and Manchester, which during the current year has opened a "Margaret Ashton House" for its single women who are in need of a lodging. And yet we are told that women can safely leave their interests in the hands of men.

Women Playwrights.

While London owes to a woman, "George Paston," two of its most successful recent plays, "The Naked Truth" and "Nobody's Daughter," Paris has now also a woman playwright of distinction. Mlle. Marie Lenéru, who is only 28, has written a play called "Les Affranchis," which is being produced at the Odéon Theatre by M. Antoine. According to the correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*, no play has caused so much enthusiasm since "Chantecler." "It is," he says, "remarkable alike for its literary beauty and emotional power." And all the while the anti-Suffragists are telling us that women are lacking in initiative and originality!

Woman Suffrage in Canada.

We learn from *The Glasgow Herald* that Woman Suffrage is gaining ground in British Columbia, where the City Council of Vancouver has unanimously decided that married women holding separate estates shall be granted the franchise for municipal elections. The movement has spread here, it is said, from Washington, where it will be remembered the full franchise has just been granted to women.

Encouragement from Australia.

Last week we published a message from women in Asiatic Russia, protesting against the barbarous treatment of the women at Westminster on November 18. Other Societies who have sent messages of sympathy are the Women's Progressive League (New South Wales), the Women's Political Association (Adelaide, South Australia) and the Women of the Goldfields (West Australia). These are all societies on non-party lines. Their messages express confidence, sympathy and appreciation of what the Women's Social & Political Union has done for women throughout the world.

THE POLICE AND THE DEPUTATIONS.

We understand that our friend Mr. Brailsford, whose address is 32, Well Walk, Hampstead, N.W., is preparing a statement with regard to the treatment of the deputations of Friday, November 18, and Tuesday, November 22, at the hands of the police. Anyone, therefore, who has any facts which ought to be brought out in that statement should lose no time in communicating with him in reference to them.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Some of the women imprisoned as a result of their courageous action on November 18 and the following days will be spending their Christmas in prison. Seventeen women will, however, be released to-day (Friday), and they will be welcomed at a Christmas luncheon at the Criterion Restaurant at 1.30 p.m. Tickets for this luncheon have sold rapidly, and those who wish to do honour to their brave comrades by being present must make application at once to Miss Cooke, ticket secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. The women to be released are Miss M. Allen, Mrs. Aldham, Miss Norah Black, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Cousins, Miss J. Filshill, Mrs. May Goodliffe, Miss Winifred Jones, Mrs. Garvey Kelly, Mrs. Löwy, Mrs. Massy, Mrs. B. Sanders, Miss Shallard, Miss Jessie Stephenson, Mrs. Streetfield, Mrs. Howard Shaw, and Miss Cissy Wilcox. They will be welcomed at the prison gates at 8 a.m. this (Friday) morning. Mrs. Marshall, Miss Ada Wright, Miss Joan Dugdale, Miss Emily Davison, and Miss Annie Bell, who were released on Thursday, December 8, will also be welcomed at this luncheon party, which will be of the nature of a Christmas gathering.

The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

A short time still remains before Christmas in which to buy gifts for friends at the Woman's Press Shop, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C. There is a large display of pretty and useful things very suitable for this purpose and for New Year gifts. Readers are reminded that a six months' subscription to *VOTES FOR WOMEN* is one of the best possible Christmas presents.

London Meetings.

The London free weekly meetings, which have now ceased for the holidays, will be resumed at the Queen's Hall on Monday, January 23, at 3 p.m., and at the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square, on Thursday, January 26, at 8 p.m. It is hoped that members will keep these two dates in mind, and that they will make the meetings as widely known as possible among their friends. A large attendance at these meetings is anticipated.

W.S.P.U. General Offices: 4, Clements Inn.

The offices will be closed from Saturday midday to Monday morning, January 2.

GETTING NEW READERS.

In *VOTES FOR WOMEN* last week I made a special appeal for new subscribers to the paper. I pointed out to friends that this was the only effective way of breaking down the boycott of the London Press. I am glad to be able to say that this appeal has already been responded to, and below I give a list of 35 new subscriptions sent in. I hope that many others will be able to follow the example of the readers whose names appear below during the Christmas holiday. A sum of 3s. 3d. will secure that the paper shall be sent to any address in the United Kingdom (4s. 4d. abroad) every week for six months. This is a sum within the reach of nearly everyone, and I recommend it as a very useful form of Christmas present.

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F. W. P. L.

FIRST LIST DEC. 12—DEC. 17.

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Miss A. C. Wright	1
Miss Marquardt	1
Lady Constance Lytton	2
Mrs. Shuttleworth	1
Boden	2
Mrs. Hamilton	1
Miss E. B. McClelland	1
Miss Lillian Duncan	1
Mrs. McKenzie	1
	35

TWO INTERESTING LETTERS.

A member of the W.S.P.U. writes:—I find many of my friends will purchase a paper weekly if they are not troubled to order it, so I do this myself (twenty-four last week). Other friends now subscribe regularly through becoming interested by my giving, or lending them the paper regularly. I write at foot of first page, "Please pass on to some friend."

F. G. H. puts forward the following suggestion:—

I think a great deal might be done to help the cause by people ordering copies of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* for someone they know living in remote country parts. The newspaper boycott, combined with being away from all possibility of going to any big meeting or of seeing posters or processions, makes it impossible for many country people to realise the strength of the movement or to understand its aim. There is no way in which many village women can get to hear of the true state of affairs and to understand their responsibilities or their value to the State. There is something very convincing in seeing it all in print. A weekly *VOTES FOR WOMEN* lent round in a village, would be a splendid medium for enlightenment.

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COURAGE IN WOMEN.

Even the slave was admitted to some claim to human qualities. He was a man, although in bondage, so long as he kept within his bonds, might exercise and be praised for the same characteristics as free men. Women alone of all divisions of the human race, have had continually to live up to an absolutely unreal standard, to conform to an ideal that was imposed upon them from without, that was not their own and was not even regarded as an admirable one by the very persons who set it up as a feminine model.

It is an interesting problem in psychology as to how it comes about that men idealised their own weaknesses and more deplorable qualities, and by the simple process of transferring them to women converted them into what was conventionally admirable. Did a man suffer from fear, he was a coward; but a woman afraid was an adorable occasion for chivalry. Her need of protection, of a "strong arm to lean upon" was her glory. Even to-day we find men who see fit to praise women for their "dependence," their want of self-reliance, and other qualities which these same men would consider despicable in themselves. Long ago Swift was daring enough to suggest that if courage is good in a man, it cannot be a bad thing in a woman. But the more usual attitude is expressed by Gibbon, where he speaks of Zenobia as an antagonist "whose sex alone would render her an object of contempt." And in this context he remarks (with that assumption of complete understanding of women which is still usual among persons who do not claim to inspiration on other matters), "as female fortitude is commonly artificial, so it is seldom steady and consistent." Women, in fact, must realise the fact that they have no right to be brave.

These reflections occur to me on reading "The Amazons," by Guy Cadogan Rothery. The very idea of the Amazons, those suffragettes of the horizons of history, is full of interest and suggestion. The contemporary traditions treated them as the contemporary tradition (compare our daily Press), always has treated courage in women. Female human beings so unsexed as to be brave must be in other ways abnormal. Therefore the Amazons were man-eaters, "turbulent, bloodthirsty, cannibalistic, implacable, addicted to human sacrifice." They were unchaste, they hated culture, theirs was the supreme crime in women of being formidable. Any device was good enough to employ against them—no trick was too mean, no weapon too barbarous. You may see in the British Museum a vase on which Hercules is painted slaying the Amazon Queen. It was one of his great labours. He is battering her with an enormous club, and is clothed in his lion's skin, which made it impossible for him to be wounded. Hercules to-day does not require a lion's skin; the robe of authority is enough. It is interesting that while contemporary tradition regarded these women as abhorrent and fearful beings, artists of later ages depicted them as beautiful and majestic women to be honoured for their courage. But in all ages, from Amazons to Joan of Arc, from Joan to Florence Nightingale, pioneer women have met the same reception of misunderstanding and abuse.

It is certain that the later Amazons of Dahomey in Africa were honoured warriors; and yet contemporary travellers can only suppose that they were forced to become warriors as a punishment for some sin against men. It is suggested, for instance, that they were recruited from unfaithful or nagging wives. In this book are collected many strange primitive tales of early states ruled by women who were only half human. Out of the mass of legend and half-supernatural history, we get a sense that there has been continuity in the rebellion of women against artificial standards of conduct, and that although this rebellion has often driven them to extremes, it has yet been well for them to throw off the weight of custom, "heavy as frost and deep almost as life." J. E. M.

"THE CONNOISSEUR."

In these strenuous days of motor-cars, airships, and the Votes for Women Agitation, it is restful to look through the pages of a beautifully illustrated magazine devoted to the luxurious side of life. And of all tastes the taste for collecting curios is one of the most luxurious. "The Connoisseur" for December is a feast for the eye. Its front cover gives one a delicious picture of Christmas in the olden days, by H. Alken—a coach and four dashing through a blinding snowstorm, over snowy roads to Brighton in 1836. In some future number of "The Connoisseur" we shall expect to see a picture of "A Motor Car in the Olden Time; 1910!" Within will be found many articles of extreme interest. Mrs. Willoughby Hodgson writes on the Chinese porcelain collection of Mr. W. H. Lever at Hampstead; the article is illustrated with beautiful photographs. Other contributions deal with some very quaint "Children's Playing Cards" (by Mrs. F. Nevill Jackson); and Egan-Mew writes on "Old Lacquer." There are besides a number of fascinating photographs of interiors of great halls up and down the country which make one think of Mr. Lloyd George and "Form IV," and the number is further embellished with some beautiful coloured plates, including "The Madonna Adoring the Christ Child," by Filippino Lippi (in the Uffizi Gallery, Florence); an engraving by Walker, of a lady meditating on a miniature portrait, a Vandyck which has been lent by Lord Lucas to the National Gallery, "The Woodland Maid," after T. Lawrence, and two reproductions after Angelica Kauffman—"The

* "The Amazons." By Guy Cadogan Rothery. London: Francis Griffiths. 10s. 6d.

† "The Connoisseur," December. London: Temple Chambers. 1s. net.

Birth of Shakespeare," and "The Tomb of Shakespeare." There are besides, two beautiful coloured plates from recent books, one of Turner's Lake of Brienz (from Mr. Lewis Hind's new book on Turner), and another of Mr. Frank Reynolds's Rochester Coach. These in themselves are feasts of colour, and quite worth the shilling charged for the magazine. The art notes and book reviews are, as usual, of exceeding interest, and are beautifully illustrated.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Dr. Grey." By Stephen Andrew. London: Greening and Co. 6s.

"Twentieth Century Magazine." December. Boston. 2s. cents.



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Conjuror Asquith: "Ladies, you will remember what I promised you should get from the 'Expiring Parliament,' and you will remember, when I took off the cap, what you found there." (A Voice: "Nothing!") "I now promise you that in the coming Parliament you shall find something equally good."—(Dec. 17, 1909.)



2.—THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE SMUTTY.

Mr. Pot: "Kettle, you black, unrepresentative rogue, how dare you touch the Budget? Don't you know taxation without representation is legalised robbery?"
Servant: "Now then, Pot, you're blacker than he. You have been taxing women for years, and you refuse to consult them at all. It's you that want cleaning, and I'm going to do it with this brush."—(December 31, 1909.)



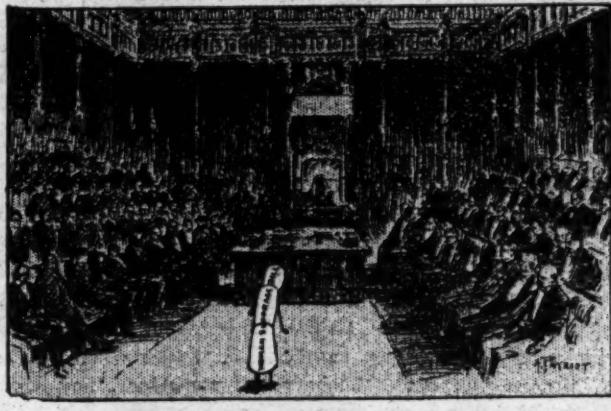
3.—THE RESULT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION.

Burglar Asquith (to R—d and K—r H—d—): Help! Help! I say, mates, you might get me out of this.—(February 4, 1910.)



7.—PEACE?

A Conciliation Committee has been formed for the purpose of securing the passage by general consent of the House of Commons, of a Woman Suffrage Bill. (June 3, 1910.)



8.—(Mr. Shackleton introduces the new Woman Suffrage Bill on Tuesday, 14.) (June 10, 1910.)



THE PROCESSION.

9.—Exasperated 'Busdriver (to Policeman): "O give 'em the Vote!"—(June 17, 1910.)



13.—PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.

Mr. Li—d G—rge: "You'll have to pay the piper, though you shan't call the tune!"—(Sept. 16, 1910.)



14.—MRS. PANKHURST'S OFFER.

General Asquith (reading letter brought by envoy): The enemy are prepared to withdraw their troops if I will give facilities for the Conciliation Bill.—(Oct. 21, 1910.)



15.—"WHO WOULD BE FREE THEMSELVES MUST STRIKE THE BLOW."—Byron. (Nov. 18, 1910.)

THE MEANING OF THE CAUSE.

An eye-witness of the Deputation on November 18, wrote:—"One small group I came across held in itself the whole history of the woman's movement. The centre figure was a pretty, well-dressed little woman, the woman one would picture presiding over a dainty little home, the delight of her husband and children, and keeping close to her were two elderly ladies, dignity in every line of their tailor-made clothes, and their fine expressive faces—the types that one associates with kindly works. What were they doing here? With desperate courage the little lady pushed herself again and again through the lines of police, and to prevent being thrown back, clung tightly to the constable's whistle. Vainly he endeavoured to free it—one shuddered to see him trying to wrench her fingers open. She said, quietly, "You are hurting my hand frightfully," but she did not let go, and the two elderly ladies tried to pull away the rough hands and to help their comrade. What did the cause mean that made these women leave the sheltered home—these typical gentle English women, of whom so many chivalrous sentiments are written—and expose themselves to indignity and brutality? The little group gave the answer. It is a cause far higher than all personal sentiments—a cause which makes women stoop to the dust, gladly, in order that others may be raised."

In the experience of many years, I have always found the advocates of Woman Suffrage occupying higher moral ground than that held by their opponents.

—Julia Ward Howe.

OUR FRIENDS—THE ANTT'S.

We are sorry for the small boy, who, in his ignorance, gets hit with the rebound of the stick he strikes the wall with, and just so we ought, perhaps, to feel sorry for the grown men and women who try so hard to strike the wall of woman's rights as do the Anti-suffragists, for they get hit right and left by the rebound of their own sticks, and we get the benefit.

Nothing but the arguments they have used have made four different people apply to us for membership in our cause in the last two days. These four young women became so indignant at the senseless babble of the Anti-suffragists that they wanted to take up work against them, and they have become our co-workers. We thank the Anti-suffragists for converting people to believe in suffrage for women who never thought of it before.

So here's to the Anti's—long may they babble nonsense and long may sensible people join our ranks.—EDITH M. WHITMORE in the *American Suffragette*.

"WOMEN MUST WEEP."

A reader of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* sends us the following true story:—

"It was not possible to gather anything tangible from the high words being exchanged until the man lurched back to the support of the stone wall, and the woman entered the omnibus, and sat down opposite to me with her baby on her knee. She was struggling to keep her smarting tears out of view when the conductor came in for her fare, and in an apologetic way she told him that she had just called to get her husband's wages, and that, although only half-past twelve, all he had left of his 30s. was 5s., which he had given her to keep the house going for father, mother, and three children. He had been recently out of work for some months, and two of their five

children were lying very ill in hospital. The conductor grunted sympathetically, but said nothing. The baby girl looked clean and well cared for, and the mother's clothes, though poor and mean, were neatly mended. She rained broken-hearted kisses from time to time on the baby's face." Perhaps, as the correspondent who saw this incident says, when the mothers of this country are allowed to voice their opinions in the high places, where at present only men may be heard, it will be allowed to know that "The cry of the children" still continues.

"THE BEST MAN."

One of those who fought to the last on the rebels' side was the Rane, or Princess of Jhansi, whose territory, as we have already seen, had been one of our annexations. She had flung all her energies into the rebellion, regarding it clearly as a rebellion, and not as a mere mutiny. She took the field with Nana Sahib and Tantia Topse. For months after the fall of Delhi she contrived to baffle Sir Hugh Rose and the English. She led squadrons in the field. She fought with her own hand. She was engaged against us in the battle for the possession of Gwalior. In the uniform of a cavalry officer she led charge after charge, and she was killed amongst those who resisted to the last. Her body was found upon the field, scarred with wounds enough in the front to have done credit to any hero. Sir Hugh Rose paid her the well-deserved tribute which a generous conqueror is always glad to be able to offer. He said, in his general order, that "The best man upon the side of the enemy was the woman found dead, the Rane of Jhansi."

—From "A History of Our Own Times." (Justin MacCarthy.)

WOMEN ARCHITECTS.

The *Daily Mirror* reports that at an examination in architecture in Paris three ladies gained diplomas—Mlle. Geneviève Trelat, a young Parisienne, and Mlle. Bernstein and Issakovitch, both Russian girls. Mlle. Trelat was classed first with two men out of a total of twenty-three candidates.

AT LAST.

In Hindustan, long years ago,
Four thousand years, they say, and more,
An intellectual game of skill
Was often played by rich and poor,
So grand a game,
Its name and fame
Has spread afar from shore to shore.

Two kings, two queens, foot-soldiers trim,
Bishops, with chariots* and knights,
In battle fought—one side against
The other—black against the white.
And only they
Who held at bay
The rival king could win the fight.

And in that famous game, the one
Who helped the warriors in their plight,
Whose power was far beyond the power
Of bishop or of stalwart knight,
Beside whose skill
The king's was nil,
Was "weaker sex" if I am right.

And still this game is played, but now
Do men at last themselves confess
Who 'tis who owns the mobile power
(And not in games alone, I guess),
Who doth not shirk,
But doth the work
In life as in the game of chess!

A. S. RAY.

*The term "rock" is from Sanskrit, roka = chariot.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN CARTOON.



4.—PUTTING AWAY THE OMELETTE.
Dame Suffragette: "Many of them are the same boys that gave me so much trouble last term; but there, I'll give them a chance, perhaps they'll be good and I shan't have to use it again."—(February 25, 1910.)



10.—LORD CROMER ATTEMPTING TO SWEEP BACK THE TIDE.
"The tide behind this movement has for many years been rising with increasing force, so that the wave has become of such magnitude that it is not going to be turned back by Parliamentary manoeuvre."—(Lord Lytton at the Queen's Hall, June 28.) (July 1, 1910.)

WHAT IS SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE IS SAUCE FOR THE GANDER



16.—THE GENERAL ELECTION.
Electors! Mr. Asquith says, "No Veto on the will of the people, as expressed by their elected representatives," yet when your representatives, by a majority of 110, voted for our Bill, Mr. Asquith put his Veto on it. Therefore, we call on you to censure Mr. Asquith by voting against the Liberal candidate.—(Nov. 25, 1910.)



5.—WHOSE BONE?
The Woman: "Now then, 'Peer' and 'Premier,' you'll have to do my bidding or you shan't have a bone to quarrel over."—(April 1, 1910.)



11.—AUNT TABITHA'S ADVICE.
"Whatever I do, whatever I say, Aunt Tabitha tells me, 'That isn't the way.'" "A democratic solution is unhappily always some other solution than that which is offered."—Manchester Guardian. (July 22, 1910.)



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8.—OUR TURN NEXT.
(April 29, 1910.)



12.—PEACE OR WAR?
(August 12, 1910.)



18.—RESULT OF THE ELECTION.
General Asquith: "We have held our ground, but if it had not been for those women we should not have suffered these losses, and we should have gained a position independent of the Irish."—(Dec. 16, 1910.)

A NEW NURSERY RHYME.

What does little Asquith say
In his nest at break of day?
"Cheer up, women, work for Me;
You shall have your votes, you'll see."
Night has fallen o'er hill and plain;
Little Asquith chirps again:
"Votes for Women, did you say?
I'm too sleepy; run away!"

A. B.

WEARING THE COLOURS.

An event has happened at Croydon Infirmary which, it is stated, has not taken place there for more than thirty years. This is the birth of triplets—two boys and a girl—who are all living. At the suggestion of one of the doctors, who was accompanied on his rounds by a member of the Board of Guardians, who is also a member of the W.S.P.U., the babies are distinguished by purple, green, and white ribbons. "They are probably," says our correspondent, "the youngest bearers of our colours. Let us hope they may live to carry out the principles involved in them."

NO ESCAPE!

Lady and gentleman on homeward-bound P. and O. steamer from India. He having nothing to read picks up *VOTES FOR WOMEN* left lying on a chair beside him. Idly scanning the various paragraphs, he lights on this: "A very successful drawing-room meeting was held at . . . " "A Suffragette meeting," he shouts to his wife, "held at the very boarding-house we are going to! How dreadful! What shall we do, I say?" "Do!" replies the brave little woman, "why—sit tight and say nothing. We cannot back out of going!" Result: More Suffragette meetings at that plucky boarding-house, sympathy evoked, presents given to the cause, and at least one new member gained!

A FABLE.

She came to the door of the shrine with a wedge in her hand, but the bars were strong, and when at last they were broken, many hands were waiting to thrust her back. Slowly she forced her way, and slowly the dust fell off from the walls, new colours shone out, fresh light broke in, and sweeter fragrance filled the air. In time her form melted away, and at length was lost, but her memory remained, and whereas at first they had cried out against her as Innovation, they now wrote her name in brass, and called her Reform.

—The Inquirer.

STRONG SWIMMERS.

Here are some excellent points for people who believe in the "Physical Force" bogey! While pushing a mail-cart with her little brother in it alongside the canal at Aylestone, Leicester, a little girl turned giddy and fell into deep water, dragging the mail-cart and child with her. Her sister Dorothy, however, aged eleven, jumped in, and succeeded in rescuing both the children. Dorothy Moore has only had one season's swimming lessons, at the new baths, to which she went from the Council School. A girl swimmer, Miss Footman, was recently congratulated by Mr. de Grey, of the South-Western Police Court, on her pluck in helping to rescue a woman from the Thames. Mr. de Grey said the behaviour of Miss Footman and Mr. Mackay (who also swam to the woman's help) deserved the greatest credit and commendation. He was glad to meet such plucky people, and he rewarded them both with two guineas. Miss Footman is well known in Battersea for her swimming exploits there, and holds the Battersea Swimming Championship, previously held by Mr. Mackay's sister. Two girls, members of the Furnival Sculling Eight, Hammersmith, Miss Joay Jenkins and Miss Mabel Symonds, recently camped out in a double skiff, and sculled 103 miles to Oxford in seven days. The up-

stream journey was hard work, but they describe the scull home as easy.

Mrs. Arthur Hamilton recently swam three and a half miles in two hours (Stokes Bay to Ryde). The Mayor of St. Malo had not long before awarded her a gold medal for swimming from Dinard to Vicomte.

THE BOW STREET PANTOMIME.

"The production of the annual Drury Lane pantomime has this year been forestalled by the screaming farce enacted last Saturday morning in Bow Street Police Court, within a stone-throw of the famous theatre. Mr. Winston Churchill, who in his brief career has played many parts, has entered into competition with Mr. Arthur Collins, and succeeded in excelling that past-master in the art of provoking mirth. There was neither booing nor hissing. The prevailing emotion was one of mirth—pure, unadulterated merriment. . . . Mr. Churchill deserves hearty congratulations upon the unqualified success he has scored in his new rôle of public entertainer; but, much as we owe him, we are not indebted to him for the whole of our enjoyment of last Saturday's matinee performance. He had a collaborator. Some of the credit belongs to the Prime Minister. His attitude throughout the women's suffrage agitation has, among other things, stimulated in others that sense he conspicuously lacks—humour. Periodically cohorts of police are called out to prevent a few women approaching too near the sacred person of Mr. Asquith. The town would not be thrown into tumult, there would be absolutely no disorder, if they were allowed to walk straight into his presence, but when they try to pass the portal of the Imperial Legislature, the people's House, the nation's property, the way is barred; and it is then, and only then, that the trouble begins. Sometimes they are allowed, even escorted, right up to the en-

trance; at others they are driven from the precincts. Anyone in search of a classic instance of vacillation and inconsistency could not possibly do better than study the proceedings of the 'authorities' in dealing with the suffrage agitation during the last few years. . . . The climax of a long series of Governmental absurdities, futilities, and inconsistencies has surely now been reached.

"Presumably Mr. Asquith, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Lloyd George, and the Cabinet as a whole know what they are about, and are prepared to justify their arbitrary proceedings. But, even if they don't mind making themselves a laughing-stock they ought not to bring the administration of justice into contempt and to give ground for the accusation that it is influenced by the exigencies of the political situation. Their opponents will inevitably contend that in Mr. Muskett's portentous statement the real meaning of 'public policy' and 'public advantage' is 'party policy' and 'party advantage'—that they shrank from imprisoning over a hundred women with a general election looming ahead. . . . It is time that this comedy—which may become a tragedy at any moment—was ended."

Christian Commonwealth.

It is all a rare "rag" for Mr. Churchill; and, apparently, that is all that matters.
Pall Mall Gazette

TAX RESISTANCE.

One of the weapons of opposition which will be employed by women will be "tax resistance." Those who are proposing to do this will do well to make themselves acquainted, as far as possible, with the law on the question, and we recommend them to apply to the offices of the Women's Tax Resistance League at 10, Talbot House, St. Martin's Lane, W.C., whose secretary, Mrs. Kington Parkes, will be pleased to supply them with information.

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THE MOTHER.

In a small room, dimly lighted; sat a woman making collars. Above the humming of her sewing machine the clock of a neighbouring church struck ten. The woman lifted her head and, gathering up her work, folded it together. She crossed the room and looked down upon the faces of two boys sleeping. "Christmas Eve!" she sighed.

She went back to cover up the machine. Sitting wearily, she leant her weight upon it, and her head sank upon her arms. Last year it had all been so different! She had to be both father and mother now, since the breadwinner had been cut down by the hand of death falling with an awful suddenness. And, within her body there slept, soon to

waken to life, a child. "Pray God it is a boy," she moaned. "If not, pray God it may die! It is too terrible to be a woman."

She thought of the girl on the second floor who had been taken that day to the workhouse infirmary; she knew her story. The girl had been a waitress in a tea shop. She earned her food and 1.5 shillings a week. She could not live alone in the world on that wage. She had accepted "the protection" of a man more than twice her age. When her trouble came he had tired of her. He had left her. She did not know where he was now. Would that child who was to be born in the workhouse be a girl too? She hoped not. She prayed that it might be a boy.

She remembered the old woman who had tried to drown herself last week. The old woman's husband had died; that was a year ago. The widow had taken in work for an army clothing establishment. But the money she earned hardly paid the rent. The case had made something of a sensation in the police court. The papers had taken it up for a day or two. The employer said it was the Government that was to blame. The Government would not allow its contracts to be carried out by the sweated labour of men, but the sweating of women did not matter. Women did not seem to matter to anybody. When her husband was alive she had not realised it. She realised it now. She remembered though that even in those days—

Suddenly her room seemed full of light. Afar off she heard a burst of song. It came nearer. Never had she listened to such music. The woman lifted her head. The window was gone, the whole of the outside wall had fallen noiselessly away, and the sky was filled with a glory that was not of the sun nor of the moon. The light seemed to come from a cloud, and the singing too. No, it was not a cloud. It was a host of radiant forms, for, as she looked, these shining ones came nearer to her, and she could hear their voices: "Good tidings of great joy!"

So that was what they were singing! Where had she heard it before? The words seemed so familiar to her that, though she wondered, she was not overwhelmed with surprise. Then came a rapturous outburst: "They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death—upon them hath the light shined." The light! How wonderful it was! How amazing! It seemed to the woman like a glorious sea upon which her spirit floated—a flood which drowned her senses, so that for a moment or two she lost consciousness of all else. Then once again her attention was arrested by the singing, because she heard these words: "For unto us a child is born." "Pray God it is a boy," she murmured.

She wanted to hear more, and listened breathlessly now. Nearer and nearer to her came the voices, and she heard a new refrain that seemed to fill both heaven and earth with ringing joy: "To set at liberty—them that are bruised."

Suddenly that triumphant chanting became a lament. "No room! No room!" wailed that multitude of voices. "The door of the mother's heart is shut. She prays that the child may die!" Then the woman knew that it was the child who stirred within her, whose coming the angels had heralded. The woman child! Yes, for she had prayed that it might die, and her heart stood still with fear.

And it seemed to the woman that the wall had been built up and the room was dark again, save for the light of one small lamp. But in her heart she heard still an echo of the song: "They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death"—that was the girl in the workhouse infirmary; that was the old woman in the police court charged with attempted suicide; that was herself—upon them "hath the light shined." "For unto us a child

is born—a saviour, which—" Then she understood. It was her own child—the child that moved under her heart. What was it came next? Ah! it came back to her now: she seemed to hear again that burst of joy that filled the sky with song: "To set at liberty them that are bruised."

Who were the bruised? Someone had told her a story a few hours ago. It was about the poor creature who kept the fish shop at the corner of the street: her husband had come back last Saturday and demanded money; had knocked her down and kicked her; the magistrate had made a joke about it in court and everybody had laughed except the woman. She had wept bitterly. But nobody seemed to care. "To set at liberty them that are bruised." The poor thing was horribly bruised, they said. But was she not "at liberty"? No, she was in bondage—cruel bondage. Were all women in bondage? If so, some of the fetters were made of gold. Were fetters of gold light? Someone was going to break the fetters. And that someone was—her own child. "No! no!" she cried in an agony. "It is she—my child—who will be broken! Rather let her die now, before she has become acquainted with grief."

Then the woman felt herself folded in a purple mantle so that she could not see, but she was not afraid, rather comforted, as if with a sense of deep security. "I am Destiny," she heard; "your child will be safe with me. I will cover her with my arm. I will hide her in the secret place of the Most High. She shall break in pieces the fetters of those who are in bondage."

"Then she shall not herself be broken?" faltered the mother.

"She shall be broken," answered Destiny, "yet not her spirit. That shall return victorious unto God, who sends it forth."

"Tell me one thing," pleaded the woman. "Shall the joy of my child outweigh her sorrow?"

"The angels sang at the birth of One who was destined to be crucified for the world. Did the joy of the crucified outweigh the sorrow?"

"I do not know," she answered.

"According to her strength her joy shall be like unto His joy, and her sorrow like unto His sorrow."

And the mother said, "God's will be done."

And when the veil was removed, it seemed as though the little room was full of those shining presences who had drawn near to her from the singing hosts of heaven.

"I am Wisdom," said one, and laid a hand upon the woman's head; "I give to your child what is mine." "I am Vision," cried another, kissing her eyes, saying, "For the child's sake." And Love was revealed, as Love reverently touched the child where she lay beneath the mother's heart, saying: "It is I who give to women the courage that amazes strong men." "Take from me, for the child who shall be born, my double-edged sword, the spirit and the word," said one; "My name is Inspiration."

Then once more there was wafted upon the air the singing of the heavenly host—and the outside wall had disappeared again, and the garret was open to the sky. And the heart of the woman sang with the joy of the angels: "For unto us a child is born."

A peal of bells rang out from the church. One of the boys stirred, sat up and cried out, "Mother!" She lifted her head. "Hush!" she said, "Hush! The angels are singing." She rose and walked to the window, drawing aside the curtain. A star shone brilliantly; it seemed to shoot a shaft of light into the room. The Christmas chimes clamoured their tidings. She went back and knelt by the startled child. "Kiss mother," she said, as she put her arms about him. "It is Christmas morning."

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

WOMEN'S VOTES IN NEW ZEALAND.

By LADY STOUT.

Wife of The Hon. Sir Robert Stout, formerly Premier and now Chief Justice of the Dominion of New Zealand.

In New Zealand we have had the vote for 18 years. There never has been and never will be any antagonism between men and women. We have the interests of our children and country in common, and the comradeship which unites us has made our reforms possible. Our men gladly welcomed our equality of citizenship, as they understood that what was good for women and children would be good for men and the State. They loyally help us in all our proposals for more equality of social and economic conditions, because they know that if men are to be great their mothers must be free.

When the Commonwealth of Australia was inaugurated in 1900, universal adult suffrage was conferred upon her citizens. The separate States passed the Women's Suffrage Bill at different times. South Australia followed closely in the footsteps of New Zealand, which was the first country to enfranchise her daughters. In Victoria women have only had the vote for a few years. All over Australia the women vote, and all intelligent, thoughtful women, who feel the responsibility of citizenship to their country and to the Empire, exercise the vote, and value it very highly.

In spite of the prophecies of evil of its opponents in New Zealand the women have not deteriorated in appearance, health or morals, nor have the men suffered in consequence of the absence of their wives during the one hour in three years that has been devoted to voting.

We have the highest marriage rate (no anti-women or anti-men there), the lowest death rate and the lowest infant mortality in the world. We have the only increasing birth rate in the civilised world. The annual natural increase of population in France is 1'42; in England and Wales, 12'13; in the German Empire, 14'44; in Australia, 15'00; in New Zealand, 17'60. The enfranchised countries take the lead of Germany—surely evidence enough to satisfy even an anti (or uncle) Suffragist that our homes are not deserted or our children neglected.

There is no sweating in New Zealand. Employers in factories and shops are by law obliged to pay young girls a minimum wage of 5s. per week, which is increased by 3s. per week each year until it reaches £1 per week at 21 years of age. No chainmakers with us, working at 5s. per week to keep body and soul together. Tailoresses earn from 25s. to 30s.; dressmakers, from 20s. to 40s.; milliners, from 30s. to 50s. per week; needlewomen, from 3s. and 6s. per day (luncheon and tea provided), or 12s. 6d. to 25s., with board, per week.

In factories there is equal pay for equal work for men and women. All wages must be paid weekly in money, and work is limited to eight hours per day. A weekly half-holiday on full pay must be given to all employees. Seating accommodation must be provided for women and girls. No female of any age, or boy under 16, may be employed in a factory at night, or for more than 45 hours per week. The limit of hours for men is 48.

We find that the vote is not only a factor in itself but it has the added power of the responsible and moral influence it exerts upon the men voters. No doubt, without a vote, a woman may have a certain influence behind the throne, but it can only be a negative, not a positive influence, for good, as being irresponsible it can always escape the blame of any evil that may result from its exercise.

A story that is circulated by an "Anti" is of a New Zealand bachelor, who, being handsome, secured the votes of all the servant girls, and was elected. The misguided man, so the story goes, got married before the next election; the maids did not vote for him, so he was defeated. No doubt the poor man had made such an unsuitable selection in his choice of a wife that even the servant girls did not think he was fit to have the responsibility of making laws for his country.

I believe that story is a very old chestnut, dating from the past century. The version I heard twelve years ago was that a member who was not famous for good looks, and who was burdened with a wife and numerous olive branches, had secured the votes of the servant girls in his constituency by promising to bring in a Bill for a weekly half-holiday for them. The Bill was found to be unworkable, and was defeated. The maids themselves said that the weekly half-holiday, which they all got by arrangement, was better than a fixed compulsory holiday, on which they would be

compelled to go out, wet or dry, ill or well, or even if their mistresses or the children were dying. The Bill never reappeared.

The following is a letter from the Hon. R. McNab, who testifies to the value of Women's Suffrage in the Home:—

"Dear Madam,—
"In reply to your request for information regarding the operation of the Women's Vote in New Zealand, nothing gives me greater pleasure than to avail myself of the opportunity of expressing my opinion.
"I entered politics in November, 1893, the first occasion on which women voted in New Zealand, and I have fought six General Elections and one by-election, so that I have had the experience of seven contests in which women played their part as electors. Giving votes to women has given political power to the home women of the family, grouping themselves around the home, and the public life. The wandering man stands alone, but the home, send forth from there a political power which goes for all that is best in the system. To one like myself who has never known any other system, the objections urged against it in this country are incomprehensible, and are very different to the experience of New Zealand, where the men would not allow the women to give up the permit the floating nomadic to menace the stationary home vote.
"In all my experience of elections I never was able to see that any section of the men's vote, and, having taken part in the last contest here, I can say with certainty that our contests do not suffer in any comparison which may be instituted.
"Yours faithfully,
"ROBERT McNAB."

Mr. McNab is a handsome and wealthy bachelor, who was rejected at last election. He has always been an ardent supporter of Women's Suffrage and all the social reforms that appeal to women. Why, then, was he rejected? Because of the sentimental and emotional vote of the women in his constituency who did not approve of his—

When I was in New Zealand, I was wholeheartedly for Temperance and Social Reform. Since coming over here and seeing all that you have to overcome, and the terrible suffering that is daily and hourly before my eyes, I am for Woman's Suffrage first, and everything else a long way behind. Why, nothing that you wish can ever be accomplished until you have aroused the sense of responsibility in women, and that cannot be done until they have the powers and rights of citizenship. It is true "that nowhere on Earth can the interests of women and children be safeguarded where Parliament is not equally responsible to women as to men."

I most earnestly and sincerely hope that before long you may have the power and the opportunity that your sisters in New Zealand have, of casting your vote for the benefit of your children, home, and country.

MATER DOLOROSA.

(Lines suggested by Mr. Constantin Isenberg's bronze figure of "The Heavy Cross," a reproduction of which is given with this number as a Christmas Supplement.)

Woman! Sad woman, who are you, say—
Are you of Now, or of Yesterday?
Why do you tread that thorny road?
Why do you bear that double load?

Know you the outcasts of every clime?
To whom is said, "Go," but never "Come"?
These are the women who have no home:
I am those women—I know not Time.

Mother! Sad Mother! Why do you come
To drive the joy from our Christmas home?
Can you not leave that thorny road?
Can you not drop that heavy load?

Know you the women who have been shamed—
Used for man's pleasure and cast away?
Women of Now and of Yesterday?
Mother-of-Sorrows I have been named.

Mother-of-Sorrows! Oh, wait awhile!
We want to play, and we want to smile:
Pause for once in your thorny road,
Rest with us from your heavy load.

Can there be smiles when these things are done?
Nay, I must go on my thorny road,
Nay, I must carry my double load;
Nay, I must go on my way alone.

Mother-of-Sorrows! What can we do
To gladden your eyes and comfort you?
May we not share that thorny road?
Carry with you that heavy load?

If any will share my thorny road,
Welcome their smiles and their laughter, too!
I need them, for there is much to do
If you would lighten my heavy load.

Mother-of-Sorrows! how blind we have been!
We have always known you, but never seen—
The painters hid—the thorny road,
Gold halos hid the heavy load!

Mother of Heaven, Star of the Sea,
Our Lady of Pity, Mary, Maid
Who in a manger her baby laid—
Are some of the names men have given me.

G. Vaughan.

THE TREASURER'S NOTE.

During the week ending Dec. 17th nearly £500 was sent in to the Treasury. Many of the members of the Union have asked their personal friends to give them money instead of the usual Christmas gift, in order that they may be able to devote it to the Campaign Fund, and these "Christmas boxes" are reaching the Treasurer by every post.

E. P. L.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND.

December 12 to December 17.

Already acknowledged.	£ s. d.	Per Miss A. Kenney—	£ s. d.
Miss Kate Harris.....	0 1 0	Collections—	
Miss Helen Orage.....	2 0 0	Torquay Theatre...	4 11 4
Miss B. Yerna Engvall...	0 1 6	Bath Saloon.....	1 12 0
Miss B. Fitzgerald.....	2 2 0	Dartmouth.....	2 13 6
Miss C. Carroll.....	0 10 0	Palngton.....	1 9 2
Miss Susan Carpenter...	0 10 0	Radminton Hall...	0 8 0
Misses M. & S. I.		St. Mary Church...	0 4 5
Balchin.....	0 2 6	Stoke Gabriel.....	0 5 0
Mrs. C. M. M. Fleming...	0 5 0	Bodmin.....	1 8 2
Mrs. F. W. Coope (pro- fit on sale of jam and photos).....	0 14 6	Tickets—	
Miss Rose Farmer.....	0 12 6	Torquay Theatre...	4 18 5
Mrs. A. G. (per Miss A. B. Willson).....	0 4 6	Bath Saloon.....	0 17 6
Miss Clara Eldridge.....	0 5 0	Mrs. Sarah Barrcroft	3 0 0
Miss M. B. Hanson.....	1 0 0	Clark.....	1 0 0
Miss H. W. Davison.....	1 6 0	Mrs. Collyer.....	0 10 0
"A Rochdale Sympath- iser".....	0 5 0	Anon. Working Woman	0 0 6
Miss Brita Forbes.....	0 5 0	Miss L. Allen-Olney	1 0 0
Miss M. B. Dixon.....	0 9 11	Miss Clara Edwards	0 5 0
Miss Paschall.....	0 2 6	Mrs. M. Powell.....	0 1 0
Mrs. H. L. Luscumb (per Mrs. M. H. Page)	20 10 4	Miss Powell.....	0 1 0
Miss Florence Luscumb (do.).....	1 0 5	Mrs. Thorne.....	0 1 0
Mrs. Mary Hutchison (do.).....	2 1 1	Mrs. Paul.....	0 10 0
Mrs. B. B. Townsend (do.)	0 8 2	Miss Owen.....	0 4 0
Miss A. von Arnim (do.)	1 0 5	Mrs. Lizette Smith...	1 0 0
Falmers Green Literary Society.....	2 2 0	Mrs. Jessie K. Moir	0 2 6
Miss Rachael R.	0 10 6	Dr. Elmer Stallard...	0 10 6
Mrs. C. A. L. Marsh...	2 7 1	Anon.....	0 5 0
Two Danish Girls in Copenhagen.....	0 5 0	Miss Hall.....	0 1 10
Miss B. Stephen.....	0 5 0	Miss L. Smith.....	1 0 0
Miss Maud E. Lander...	0 5 0	Miss B. Williams...	0 10 0
Miss Grace Wylie.....	0 5 0	Miss Strangways...	6 0 0
Miss F. Wile.....	0 5 0	Mrs. Montagu.....	1 0 0
M. V. P. and M. P.	1 0 0	Per Miss E. Pridden (for sister).....	
Newham College Mem- bers of W.S.P.U.....	1 15 6	Miss Golding.....	0 10 0
Miss Sarah H. Rhind...	0 2 6	Miss K. Blackledge...	0 2 0
Mrs. H. P. Philippe.....	5 0 0	Mrs. Buihan.....	0 2 6
Miss A. B. Dines.....	2 2 0	Miss Holdsworth...	0 2 0
Mrs. J. S. Davies.....	2 0 0	Miss Berry.....	0 2 0
Miss N. K. Westbrook	0 10 0	Miss Hawkins.....	0 2 6
Per Miss Burns—		Miss Howes.....	0 2 6
"E. M. S.".....	1 0 0	Mrs. Rieyhaus.....	0 2 0
Mrs. Dobbie.....	2 2 0	Mrs. Richards.....	0 2 0
Miss Parker.....	0 5 0	Miss Patricia Shaw...	0 5 0
Miss A. Murray.....	0 1 6	Miss Shaw.....	0 1 0
Miss Millicent Seaman	0 10 0	Miss Whitfield.....	0 1 0
Per Miss O. L. Cobb—		Mrs. Sanderson.....	0 5 0
Miss B. F. Cobb.....	2 2 0	Mrs. Oster.....	1 0 0
Per Miss M. Gauthier—		Miss Venthen.....	0 2 6
Anon.....	0 2 0	Miss Oster.....	0 5 0
Miss A. Hyde.....	0 10 0	Miss Mayor.....	0 1 0
Mrs. Gauthier.....	0 4 0	Miss Brannon.....	1 3 6
Miss L. Pallister.....	0 10 0	Miss Hicks.....	0 6 3
Mrs. A. G. Ward.....	0 4 0	Miss Joachim.....	0 14 3
Per Lady Constance Lytton—		Miss Dalby.....	1 1 0
Miss Marie Hamilton...	0 3 0	Princess Sophia.....	1 11 10
Per Miss Macaulay—		Dutsep Singh.....	0 13 0
Mrs. Furley.....	0 10 6	Miss Grieve.....	0 2 6
Profit on shop.....	1 1 0	Mrs. Brewster.....	1 2 0
Miss MacMaster.....	0 10 0	Mrs. H.D.B. Maccock...	1 2 0
Mrs. Tomkins.....	0 5 0	Miss M. Pethick.....	1 5 0
Per Mrs. Mann—		M. A. Shepperson Esq	1 0 0
Sale of sweets.....	0 2 4	Miss Grace Roe.....	3 10 0
Sale of needlework...	0 3 3	Per Mrs. N. Shaw	
Sale of tea.....	0 1 7	Mrs. Dick.....	0 5 0
Per Mrs. Marsh—		Mrs. Green.....	0 5 0
"Praelia".....	0 1 0	Miss de Pense.....	0 5 0
Miss Gibson.....	0 0 6	Miss Leachman.....	5 0 0
Mrs. Bullen.....	0 0 6	Miss Portmouth.....	1 0 0
Miss Pascock.....	0 2 0	Per Mrs. Wylie—	
Southampton Sym- posium.....	0 2 0	Mrs. Finlay.....	0 2 0
Mrs. Pascock.....	0 2 0	Mrs. Henderson.....	2 2 0
L. Pascock Esq.....	0 2 0	Dr. Hector.....	0 5 0
Mrs. Douglas Price.....	0 5 0	Miss Fishill.....	1 3 6
Mrs. Seymour.....	0 2 6	Anon.....	0 3 6
McMahon Esq.....	0 2 0	"Administration of all who take part in Militant Action"	2 0 0
Southampton Friend	0 2 0	"A Supporter of Militancy"	1 1 0
Mrs. Taylor.....	0 1 0	"Flat justitia, rust coelum"	5 5 0
Mrs. Whitehead.....	0 1 0	Anon.....	1 1 0
Mrs. Racine.....	0 2 0	Dr. Gilchrist.....	10 10 0
Mrs. Read.....	0 12 0	Miss Gill.....	5 0 0
Mr. and Mrs. L. Pea- cock.....	0 4 0	Anon.....	1 3 0
Extra on "V. F. W."...	0 6 4	Profit on literature...	1 18 0
Mrs. Seymour.....	0 2 6	Extra on "V. F. W."...	0 1 2
Miss Pascock.....	0 4 0	Sale of work (part of)	0 12 5
Miss M. Pascock.....	0 5 0	Mrs. Allan.....	0 1 0
Per Miss D. Pethick—		Anon.....	0 5 0
Miss Friaby (trav. exp.).....	0 1 8	Anon.....	0 10 0
Miss Hepplewhite.....	0 5 0	Miss Fleming.....	0 10 0
Mrs. Bennett (per).....	0 5 0	The Misses Henderson	5 0 0
Mrs. Fordham (dept. fare to London)...	0 16 1	Mrs. Craig.....	1 1 0
Miss Hughes.....	0 2 6	Miss Smith.....	1 0 0
Miss B. H. Jones.....	0 10 0	Miss McIlroy.....	0 1 0
Miss Woodie.....	0 1 0	Miss McIlroy.....	1 0 0
Mrs. Dowland.....	0 5 0	Miss McLellan.....	0 2 6
Mrs. Gawthrop.....	0 10 0	Mrs. Robertson.....	0 3 6
Shop profits.....	5 0 0	Miss Wallace.....	0 2 6
Whist drive.....	5 4 2	Miss Molyville.....	0 10 0
Lantern lecture.....	3 0 3	Miss Soga.....	0 5 0
Taken on tea.....	0 16 5	Mrs. Lang.....	0 5 0
Collected in box.....	0 3 3	Mrs. Turner.....	1 1 0
Mrs. Peake (per).....	0 10 6	Mrs. Rennie.....	1 0 0
Misses Swain.....	0 5 0	Mrs. Reid.....	2 0 0
Miss L. L. Yeomans...	0 4 0	Mrs. Leing.....	0 1 0
Miss Todd.....	0 10 0	Mrs. Russell.....	0 1 0
Mrs. Storey.....	0 5 0	Mrs. Robertson.....	0 5 0
Per Miss Phillips—		Miss White.....	0 1 0
Mrs. Towler.....	0 1 0	For Organiser Fund.	
Per Mrs. Pinner.....	1 6 9	Mrs. Gillies.....	0 4 0
Profit on literature...	0 11 3	For Southport Exhibition.	
Per Miss G. Roe—		Per Mrs. Langton—	
Miss Ada F. Ridley...	5 0 0	Mrs. Taylor (for Caté	
Miss M. Pison.....	1 0 0	Chantant).....	2 6 7
Per The Woman's Press—		Mrs. Sykes (do.).....	0 5 0
Mrs. Levy.....	0 8 6	Anon (do.).....	0 1 5
For General Election.		Mrs. Wright.....	0 2 6
Mrs. Farnia (per Mrs. Powell).....	0 5 0	Miss Hollings.....	0 2 0
Miss Powell (do.).....	0 4 0	Miss Greenwell (per)	0 3 0
Mrs. Lindner (do.).....	0 2 6	Mrs. Crompton (per)	5 1 3
Mrs. Thorne (do.).....	0 0 6	Membership Fees.....	3 15 0
Mrs. Powell (do.).....	0 7 0	Collections, etc.—	
Per Miss D. Marsden—		London.....	34 9 10
Miss Janie Whittaker...	0 3 6	Per Miss Macaulay...	1 4 2
Cheques should be made out to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and crossed, "Barclay and Co."		Per Mrs. Mansel.....	3 6 8
		Per Mrs. Marsden.....	15 6 11
		Per Miss Marsh.....	7 7 1
		Per Miss D. Pethick...	3 19 11
		Per Miss Phillips.....	0 16 4
		Per Mrs. Pilliner.....	0 9 5
		Per Miss G. Roe.....	29 4 9
		Per Mrs. Shaw.....	0 18 0
		Per Miss Wylie.....	159 14 5
		Total.....	257 700 11 10

WHY MEN PROTEST.

Public Meeting at the Caxton Hall.

A public meeting under the auspices of the Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement was held at the Caxton Hall last Friday evening to explain why men protested at Cabinet Ministers' meetings with reference to the exclusion of women from the franchise.

Mr. Frank Rutter, who presided, read a letter from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Mathew expressing his extreme regret that at the last moment he found it impossible to attend. "As you know," he wrote, "my sympathies are entirely with your movement, and I wish you all possible success in your courageous and chivalrous efforts on behalf of the enfranchisement of women. Movements which begin in a small way, and are ignored or ridiculed or met with hostility and violence, very often succeed in triumphing gloriously over their opponents, who may, and often do, become ardent champions of the cause which, when they misunderstood it, they resisted vigorously. Converts are often renowned for their zeal and perseverance. We must aim at proselytism with our propaganda. . . . I wish your meeting all success and deeply regret my inability to be present. *Spero meliora.*" (Applause.)

Mr. Rutter explained that the Men's Political Union believed it could best serve the cause by doing those things which at the present moment women were unable to do. Of these the two most important were (1) to vote against the Government that denied justice to women, and (2) to voice the just grievances of women at so-called public meetings from which women were excluded. The members of the M.P.U. conceived it their duty to vote at elections for whatever candidate had the best chance of beating the official nominee of the Liberal party. They did not believe in the policy of running Suffrage candidates, or in voting for fancy candidates whose prospects of success were slender.

Quarrel with the Government.

Mr. Victor Duval denied that any disturbance of public meetings was originally intended by members of the Union. The disturbances were caused by the frenzy of the stewards and a section of the audience, and by the Ministers themselves who shirked answering questions on Woman Suffrage. He traced the history of going to meetings, and showed progressive stages which led up to protests like that at Limehouse, where a man had climbed a pillar and floated out a purple, white, and green flag, to break down the conspiracy of silence on the part of the Conservative and Liberal Press, who united in suppressing the voicing of women's grievances legitimately made at Ministers' meetings. Again there were cases, as at Rochester last year, when men had spent nights on roofs of halls in order to force Cabinet Ministers to hear Suffragist arguments and facts. These incidents were due to the fact that the Liberal party had attempted to keep men known to be supporters out of their meetings. Accordingly, they made their own arrangements for ensuring that Ministers should not escape hearing the voice of the Suffragist. At Rochester and elsewhere Suffragists had every opportunity of inflicting serious bodily injuries on stewards who sought to dislodge them, but they had invariably refrained because their quarrel was not with the stewards but with the Cabinet which denied justice to women and flouted the will of the House of Commons, which in two successive Parliaments had declared itself by overwhelming majorities in favour of the enfranchisement of women.

The Generosity of M.P.U. Members.

The Chairman, supplementing Mr. Duval's arguments, said a great deal of capital had been made by the daily Press out of the admitted fact that in some cases the Union had paid the railway fare for its London members to attend meetings in the provinces addressed by Ministers, and it might be said that these protests should have been made by local people. His reply was that the London men represented the local women who were excluded from these meetings, and he was glad to say their example in the great majority of cases had given local men the courage to voice their own opinion of the Government's shameful treatment of the Suffragettes. Many men had paid for their fares twice over by their donations to the cause. Mr. Hugh Franklin, for example, whose railway fare the speaker, as Hon. Treasurer, could certify to be under £4 this year, had contributed since January over £8 to the funds of the militant movement. Mr. Churchill had sought to back out of his calumnious imputation that men protesters were paid for their services by saying that these protests brought money to the cause. He hoped that events would prove that Mr. Churchill, for once, had spoken the truth. The collection was then taken, and, with promise, it amounted to £133.

Mr. Willock, rising from the audience, said that he had been specially moved by Mr. Duval's speech, and he realised more than ever before the necessity for such action as the M.P.U. was taking. He expressed his wish to join the M.P.U. at once.

Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence, called upon by the chairman to make an announcement, explained how necessary it was that people outside the Suffrage movement should learn the true facts about it. Since these were suppressed by

the ordinary Press, whether Liberal or Conservative, the only way in which to bring the truth to their knowledge was to get them to read *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. During the Christmas holidays a great effort should be made to get new subscribers for the paper, and he invited those present to sign promise cards for obtaining new subscribers. As a result of his appeal thirty-five new subscribers were promised.

Mr. F. R. Henderson, jun., in a moving little maiden speech, gave his experiences on the roof of the Paragon Theatre, Mile End, prior to Mr. Lloyd George's meeting there. He detailed the brutal behaviour of the stewards who attempted to drag Miss Helen Craggs down a staircase by the hair of her head, and how she fainted from exhaustion when at last he got her outside; and he bore generous tribute to the cheery and heroic endurance of his dear comrade Mr. Franklin, who on the coldest night of the year spent twenty hours on the roof in a thin flannel suit and no overcoat. He was not surprised at Mr. Franklin's subsequent action; he thought nobody who knew the facts could be. "In fact," he concluded, "if Mr. Franklin had not done what he did, I would."

As a result of these explanations several men present signed the membership cards and joined the M.P.U.

MR. RUNCIMAN AT BRIDLINGTON.

We have received an amusing account of how women were too clever for the police at Bridlington last week. We shall not give away the secrets of the clever moves and counter-moves, but will content ourselves with the following extracts from our correspondent's account:—

Bridlington Station was full of policemen waiting at the entrance to scrutinise every woman as she came out. Two women in the colours were innocently asking if Mr. Runciman's meeting was open to women, and the railway policeman was seen tearing wildly up and down, peering frantically into every carriage. Meanwhile, the two obvious Suffragettes had other fish to fry, and a demure-looking girl in a pink hat and tie, with a copy of *Home Chat* in her hand, and a woman in deep mourning, passed under the very noses of the foe into the hall (where, as the stewards were looking for purple, white, and green, pink and black had no interest), and up the lines of stewards, detectives, and policemen, to the front of the hall. Mr. Runciman carefully confined his opening remarks to safe subjects, in case there should be any Suffragettes present; but, gaining confidence, he launched out. Speaking of the Lords' Veto, he asked, "How can you expect to get an impartial opinion on measures affecting agriculture from five hundred landowners in the House of Lords?" Quick as lightning, in a clear, resonant voice, the girl in pink retorted, "And how can you expect to get an impartial opinion from 600 men in the House of Commons when women are not represented?" The champion of the liberty of free speech looked white as the people round about raised a cheer, while the stewards rushed frantically out to eject the girl, who had quietly opened her coat, displaying the "Votes for Women" regalia. The chairman, however, tried to quiet the meeting, saying she was to be left alone, that Mr. Runciman was capable of dealing with her. The girl sat looking quietly in front of her (one of the few self-possessed people in that vast crowd), while they fought as to whether she should be left alone or not. A few older men intervened, and she was left alone.

Only said "Hear, Hear."

Order was restored. Mr. Runciman, making no attempt to answer the question, resumed his speech calmly, and proceeded in peace until he came to a sentence about "injustice to men," when the lady in black chipped in with "What about the injustice to women?" She was immediately dragged out, and they decided to eject the girl in pink too, though she had only said, "Hear, hear." She hung on to the chair, and it was some time before they could get her away from it, as it was clamped to the floor; and being near the front of the hall, she hung on to every seat as she was dragged down the gangway. It took so long that she was able to keep up a running fire of comments on their behaviour. "Why do you throw me out?" she asked. "I have done nothing; I can't listen to such hypocrisy without protesting." The audience was sympathetic and indignant, one man calling out from the gallery, "That's right, miss; you'll get the vote. It's the only way." As they came near the door a number of women linked arms and refused to let them take her out, saying, "She has done nothing wrong; you shan't take her out." "What are you taking her out for?" "For telling the truth," said the girl. "Yes, they don't like the truth," commented a woman. The stewards had to deal with other women before they could get her out, and to remove a man who took off his coat to fight them, saying, "Leave her alone. I don't care what she's done; she is a woman, and you shan't touch her." Finally, when they got outside, the two Suffragettes went off. The police, thinking they had finished for the night,

and perhaps not wishing to follow in the pouring rain, let them go.

Back Again!

Mr. Runciman had got under way again, and, talking of the Tories and a single-chamber Government, said, "Let them not be too sure; they have not lived under a single-chamber Government in the past." "That is what the women always have to put up with," retorted the girl in pink (she was back again in the hall). The stewards hesitated, after the previous disturbance, and told her if she would be quiet Mr. Runciman would answer questions at question time. She said she preferred to take her chance when it came. A few minutes later Mr. Runciman, speaking of Grace Darling, said, "She had not saved one life, but many." The lady in black, who had also returned, said, "That's what the vote will do for women." She was promptly thrown out.

Later on Mr. Runciman, talking of fair play, said, "They ought to have as much right in Parliament to enlarge human liberty as to restrict it." "Then why have you not given fair play and liberty to the women?" came from a voice from the corner. The sentiment was cheered, and the owner of the voice dragged ruthlessly out, while the police looked on, urging the stewards to be gentle. With a few more words Mr. Runciman finished, as soon as he could make his voice heard, and fled precipitately, without waiting for questions, making his way outside through a passage of policemen. The lady in black, however, managed to thrust her head between the ranks, while she called out, "You coward, Mr. Runciman, to run away without answering the women's questions!" Then she turned to meet her comrade in the pink hat, who had been followed out by a crowd of men, and both women were cheered as they went away.

The local press had it that four women had interrupted, as presumably they did not want to admit that, in spite of the hundreds of stewards, police, and detectives, they had been twice outwitted in the same evening!

M. E. M.

A correspondent writes:—"It reduced his meeting to panic, and the women got a lot of sympathy, even those who were not Suffragists being indignant at the way the women were treated."

MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

It was announced in the *Daily News* of Monday, December 19, that Mr. Lloyd George, who had been ordered complete rest, had left for the Continent. Two members of the W.S.P.U., however, Miss Joan Dugdale and Miss Rock, who were seeing off friends by Tuesday morning's boat train at Victoria Station, encountered Mr. Lloyd George, and questioned him with regard to the passing of the Women's Bill. Mr. Lloyd George refused to answer, and "scuttled away" with most undignified haste.

LAST QUEEN'S HALL MEETING OF THE YEAR.

The last London free meeting of the year was held in the Queen's Hall on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Pankhurst, who was in the chair, spoke of the General Election and of the small amount of attention paid to the "great human problems," as a result of the unenfranchised condition of women who understood these problems so much better than men. Nevertheless, Parliament dealt pre-eminently with human questions, many of which were never submitted to the electors at all. This fact was a most important reason why women should have the vote. Mrs. Pankhurst gave examples of some of this legislation, on which a mandate was never given by the people—e.g., the employment of women, the children's charter, the registration of midwives, and the control of the criminal classes. While working in this election Mrs. Pankhurst made a point of reading candidates' election addresses. The criticism naturally arose, "How are members of Parliament elected?" They were not chosen from the point of view of training, experience, knowledge, or sympathy—hence the spectacle of youthful University graduates being chosen as responsible Parliamentary representatives, or worse still, people only qualified by their capacity to bear election expenses. When women had the vote something more than that would be required; women would look at character rather than at such utilitarian considerations. At present politics was a game played without due regard to humanity. Mrs. Pankhurst spoke also on questions with which the new Parliament would be concerned—e.g., the relation of men and women in marriage, as a result of the Divorce Commission, married women's labour, Poor-law, the registration of nurses, and, lastly, the payment of members. This had been thoroughly discussed in the General Election, but only from the man's point of view. The woman would be obliged to pay the piper, but not allowed to call the tune. The solution of the whole matter lay in the hands of women themselves; they must force the Government to give them their legitimate voice before dealing with these measures, so vital to women.

Lady Mayer made a most interesting speech, which it is hoped to print in next week's *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence made a most inspiring speech upon the inner meaning of the

movement. She addressed her opening words to the many strangers who were present in the meeting. Some had never perhaps looked into the world which is seldom thought of, seldom spoken of by those who stand as the political champions of "the people." When politicians speak of "the people" they mean the people who can make their grievances heard, they mean "men." The misery of this country's womanhood is dim misery. It knows no language but a cry. But the cry had been heeded by women of deep experience and wide knowledge of life. It had been put into words that afternoon. Many were asking in response "What can I do? How may I help?" As a first step she called upon them to enrol themselves at once as members of the Union, which was fighting to get possession of the only practical means of redressing the wrongs of those who alone amongst the white races of the world occupied a position in many respects akin to slavery. She urged them also to devote time and thought to a thorough study of the question in all its bearings, to learn the past history of the movement, and also to follow the history which is being made day by day by attentively reading the newspaper, *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. It was necessary to get a complete understanding of the ideals behind the endeavours of the Union. Mrs. Lawrence spoke of the new hope of women's freedom as part of the Christmas message and of promise of more abundant life in the New Year, which if women did their duty would bring the beginning of a new era of peace and goodwill to humanity.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst wished the members a good holiday, so that they would be ready for a very strenuous campaign in the New Year.

MRS. PANKHURST ON THE WISBECH RESULT.

General Drummond presided at the Memorial Hall meeting on Thursday, December 15. The year now drawing to a close had been, she said, a strenuous one, but one of the happiest during the agitation. Many had been through the baptism of fire, and had come out happier and stronger Suffragettes. People were struck by the fact that everybody was anxious to be doing something and by the atmosphere of comradeship in the Union.

Miss Douglas Smith gave a description of a Liberal Cabinet Minister's meeting at Portsmouth, where the most noticeable thing was the constant repetition of the word "liberty." But the extraordinary part of it was that people who talked most about liberty knew least what the word meant!

Mr. Pethick Lawrence spoke about the Press boycott, and pointed out that the truth about the movement was to be found only in *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. He therefore appealed to members to do their best to increase the circulation. In response promises to obtain new subscribers to the number of seventy-one were handed up.

Mrs. Pankhurst, who was enthusiastically greeted, the entire audience standing, said that in spite of the Liberal victory at Wisbech, the reception from the women of the constituency was wonderful; the W.S.P.U. had gained more members in the Wisbech constituency than had ever before in any constituency than ever before in any constituency during an election. All the teachers at the High School became members, they placed their bicycles at the use of W.S.P.U. workers, and did all in their power to help. Though the result of the election was disappointing, yet the work done had been far from discouraging, and a strong local movement had been founded.

WOMAN, THE SCAPEGOAT.

Black Friday—November 18, 1910.

All the sins and all the sorrows
Of the world upon her rest,
Burdens by sweet suffering great;
All to-day's, and all to-morrow's;
Find a heaven within her breast.
She must bear her grief, as only
Just the crucified ones can,
Pierced by her brother man;
She, so lovely, and so lonely,
Since the tide of time began,
Earth with smiling, earth with smart,
Both are gathered to her heart.

All to her make free confessions,
Take their troubles, raise their cry,
As to God's blue blessed sky.
Here the load of their transgressions,
Their unbounded sympathy,
From the sootiness of the city,
From the inferno of the slum—
Woe no charity can plumb;
She, the angel pure of pity,
Speaks when hope itself is dumb.
Serving others, with their pangs
Crowned, she on their crosses hangs.

All the passion of the ages,
All the yearning of the years
Bring to her their faithful fears;
She will brighten blotted pages,
On her bosom break rude spears.
Yes, her joy is our affliction
Shared, removed, and still her own—
With her grace to beauty grown;
In the grave of crucifixion,
Like a seed of glory sown.
Woman travels with our pain,
Until man is born again.

All the losses, all the scourges
Beat against her—ours by right,
Here the meekness that is might;
On the crest of crimson surges
Throned, she lifts us to the light.
Bitter cups are hers, the sweetness
Wrung from ruin our doth fall—
Ours the honey, hers the gall;
Love, with infinite completeness,
Bounds the bridal and the pall,
Ah, and to our closing eyes,
Her last look is Paradise.

F. W. ORDEN WARD.



OUR POST BOX.

A GREETING FROM A WOMAN CITIZEN.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Sir,—Hurrah for Washington! We've won! We, the women, are citizens of our country. We are the fifth star on the Suffrage flag, the fifth State in the Union where we have universal freedom.

We are so thankful. Our State Suffrage President, Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe, when she learned of our success, immediately sent notice to the Press that the women of Washington would return special thanks upon Thanksgiving Day for our joyous victory.

We have worked so hard, and the men have worked with us. The Grange the Labour Union, the Farmers' Union, and the Socialists all were working for us. Our campaign has been very quiet, because we did not need anything else, as they do in the Atlantic States three thousand miles away. We are not yet bound by corporations.

However, we have our problems, and this is the third time the question of Woman's Suffrage has been voted upon in Washington. The other times we lost through political trickery.

We had three different State Suffrage associations working. There were hardly two counties that worked exactly alike. In Seattle the women were at the polls on election day giving out literature. Here in Bellingham the men of the Labour Union did that work for us. Throughout the State there were women who for the last year have filled columns in their local paper on Suffrage.

This educational part of the campaign has been my work, and VOTES FOR WOMEN has been a great help to me in giving our people some conception of the breadth of the subject.

Your work has been an inspiration to me personally. When I grew weary of the strain I thought of your women in prison, and had fresh courage.

You militant Suffragettes of England have awakened the world. You are the heroines of this century who can stand erect beside our sainted Miss Anthony and Lucy Stone.

I have become intensely interested in your politics, and cannot do without VOTES FOR WOMEN. Our people do not understand your situation. Out here on the coast where women are so free and independent they simply cannot comprehend, through lack of knowledge, your social and political conditions. So I must have VOTES FOR WOMEN that I may obtain and pass on a knowledge of the true inwardness of your great struggle. All summer I watched your struggle with Parliament and our campaign, and wondered which of us would win first. Our vote was so overwhelming—we won by more than two to one, and our county is the banner county—that it almost made me dizzy.

May you have the same overwhelming victory, and have it soon.—Your friend,

IDA AGNES BAKER.

418, High Street, Bellingham, Washington,
November 28, 1910.

A REPROACH TO LIBERAL MINISTERS.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Sir,—In looking over old papers this morning I came unexpectedly on the enclosed "Women's Disabilities Removal Bill," as introduced twenty-one years ago by two gentlemen still living and members of the present Cabinet.

A Bill to Amend the Law Relating to the Political and Other Disabilities of Women.

1. In all Acts of Parliament relating to the right to vote at parliamentary, municipal, local, and other elections, words importing the masculine gender shall be deemed to include women.

2. No woman shall be subject to legal incapacity from voting at such elections by reason of coverture.

3. No person shall be disqualified from being elected or appointed to, or from filling or holding, any office or position merely by reason that such person is a woman, or, being a woman, is under coverture.

4. This Act may be cited as the Women's Disabilities Removal Act, 1889.

I ask you to do our woman's cause the great service of giving this document the publicity of VOTES FOR WOMEN, and also of allowing me to ask these two gentlemen, through the same medium, what, now they are in a position to give powerful help towards the securing of one of this shamefully overdue act of justice, they propose to do in order to enable women to become fully free citizens of a nominally free country.—Yours, etc.,

E. C. WOLSTENHOLME, Esq.

[The Bill was prepared and brought in by Sir Edward Grey (now Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr. Haldane (Minister for War), and Mr. Thomas Ellis.—Ed., VOTES FOR WOMEN.]

"A GREAT DAY."

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Sir,—VOTES FOR WOMEN is a bigger boon than you perhaps can picture to anyone living in a small county town quite out of touch with the movement. So Friday is a great day in each week.—Yours, etc.,

MARJORIE COBURN.

GOOD WISHES FROM HOLLAND.

[The following is a rough translation of a letter from Heer Mol, of the Hague. Our readers will appreciate the kind thought of the writer for those in prison at Christmas time.—Ed., VOTES FOR WOMEN.]

Honoured Ladies,—Long since I meant to write to you and ask if the brave English Suffrage ladies had lost courage. Fortunately unnecessary; the newspapers again announce that the struggle is still being carried on as strongly as ever for a sacred right, too long already withheld. There may be (as in the Press) those who do not like your actions. Not so I. I know that for every right obtained there must be a struggle. Only too sad. It is the fault of those who have power, when means are used which are less pleasant than all other means have been tried and have proved not to lead to the (desired) end. To the women in prison I send in thought a handclasp. They must console themselves with the thought: Every struggle for right has required its martyrs. So it is here. Courage! women and girls, courage. And success to your good cause. When the men fought in Belgium for their right to vote many years ago Priest Pastori Daenz cried: "If we do not obtain the vote by peaceful, loving means we must fight for it in the streets," and the Press rejoiced with the forward striving men. But now that women do this they employ a different standard. Through me, highly honoured women and girls (a pity that the language is so limited), that does not alter the fact that I cry to you with all the strength that is in me: Keep on! Do not be discouraged! Fight on! Success will be yours some time. Write me a reply. I will have the letter told me, translated to me, or make it out myself with the help of a dictionary.—With kind greetings, your well-wishing friend, (Heer) F. Mol.

Zuid West Bruintsingel 110-111, a. Gravenhage (The Hague), Holland.

WOMEN TEACHERS AND THE VOTE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Sir,—I read with much appreciation in VOTES FOR WOMEN that women teachers are beginning to realise the injustice of being asked to support N.U.T. men in Parliament. I was a member of that Association at one time, but left it because I saw that it supported the interests of men more than its women members. Mr. Macnamara admitted, in a speech given by him at a dinner, that he had fought hard to exclude women from the executive. That admission should have been enough for women, whose money was helping to support him in Parliament. The absurdity of assisting more N.U.T. men to make positions for themselves in Parliament is making itself apparent to women of that Association. I hope the time is not far distant when those M.P.'s will deeply regret the attitude they adopted towards Woman Suffrage, which we have so much at heart.—Yours, etc.,

P. LIGHTMAN.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Sir,—"A Member of the West Lambeth Teachers' Association" is not the only person dismayed at the action of the N.U.T. in running five candidates at the present election. No wonder the workings of the Parliamentary Committee of the N.U.T. are kept such a close secret! Surely the N.U.T. cannot now use the funds of the Union for such a purpose. Mr. Osborne successfully contested an action to restrain the Union to which he belonged from using the funds for such an object. How is it that in face of this Osborne judgment the N.U.T. not only perpetuates this illegality, but proceeds to multiply such offences? Two pence per annum was deducted from Mr. Osborne's subscription. Women teachers pay twelve times this amount towards Parliamentary representation.—Yours, etc.,

ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE WEST LAMBETH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Sir,—My sisters and I are doing house-to-house canvassing of the paper during the Christmas holidays, and we hope many others will do the same. It requires a little courage, but one is more than repaid by the joy of getting a few new subscribers.—Yours, etc.,

MONICA WHATELY.

A regular reader of VOTES FOR WOMEN suggests that a good way of making the paper better known is for members of the W.S.P.U. to exhibit the poster each week in their ground floor windows. This correspondent has done so for some time now, and the poster attracts considerable notice.

Miss Kendall, of 22, Wilberforce Road, Finsbury Park, suggests that a Catholic Suffrage society on non-party lines should be formed, as there are so many Catholics in favour of the movement.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

General Offices: W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

Suffragettes know no cessation from activities. Although meetings are discontinued for a few days, members are taking it upon themselves as a holiday task to gain new subscribers to VOTES FOR WOMEN. This is a splendid way of helping the Cause, for VOTES FOR WOMEN is the only paper which tells the whole truth about the Woman's Movement. Members should not be content to buy it and read it themselves; they must get it into the hands of strangers and those who do not yet understand the meaning of this agitation.

CHELSEA, KENSAL TOWN, AND BATTERSEA.

Shop and Office—303, King's Road.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Hail and Miss Blacklock.

The Wednesday evening meetings are discontinued until January 26, when Miss M. M. Sheppard will be the speaker. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the office on Friday afternoon, January 20, at 3 o'clock. The first Committee meeting after the holidays will be on Friday, January 6, at 5.30. There are still two days in which to buy Xmas presents at the Shop. Calendars in the colours and beautiful artistic jewellery by local artists are on sale.

CROYDON.

Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 269 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan, 79, Mayfield Road, Sandstead, Surrey, and Miss Leslie Hall.

The Monday evening meetings are discontinued for a few weeks. Members should look in the local report in VOTES FOR WOMEN for the date of their recommencement. Miss Doggett is warmly thanked for her handsome present of real Bedfordshire lace to be made into handkerchiefs and sold for the benefit of the Union. These handkerchiefs will be on sale in the shop after Christmas week. The shop will be kept open till 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and will then be closed till Monday, January 2. The dance held on December 16 was a splendid success; everyone spent an enjoyable evening, and a nice little profit was handed over to the Secretary by the Dance Committee. Many thanks to all those who so kindly provided refreshments, and to Mrs. Arnes, Miss Emsall and Miss Green who acted as orchestra. Gratefully acknowledged for dance expenses:—Mrs. Bagle, 2a. 6d.; Mrs. Ingils, 3s. 3d.; Mrs. Farrier, 2s. 6d.

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Shop—908, Fulham Road.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Catten, 37, Parson's Green, S.W., and Mrs. H. Roberts.

The Christmas Bazaar is proving a great success. Many thanks to Miss Shellshear, Miss Gillatt and others for gifts towards it. Gratefully acknowledged for the special Christmas shop fund: Miss Belle, 2a. 6d., Miss

Shannon, 1s., Miss Tanner, 5s., Miss Wrighton, 2s. 6d., Miss Catten, 5s., Mrs. Shellshear, 10s., Miss Shellshear, 2s. 6d., Mr. Shellshear, 5s., "A Friend," 5s. Total £1 12s. 6d. Mrs. Davies, who won a £5 prize in the Morning Leader competition, has also promised to give the whole to the shop fund. It is hoped to arrange a series of weekly meetings at the shop, commencing Friday, January 20. Further particulars will be announced later.

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD.

Office—7, Oakerott Road, Blackheath, S.E. Hon. Sec.—Miss Billingham.

Heartily thanks to Mrs. Sands for having kindly lent her room for the Jumble Sale, which proved a great success. An At Home to welcome Mrs. Ashman on her release from prison will be held on January 12 at Elmgall Hall, Greenwich Road, at 8 p.m. Will members do all in their power to make this a success?

HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office—100, Hammersmith Road. Organising Sec.—Mrs. E. L. Butler.

The Tuesday evening meeting was particularly well attended. Mr. Victor Dural was received with great enthusiasm, and his interesting speech was greatly appreciated. A good collection was taken, and several things sold from the Christmas stall. Members are reminded of their brave fellow-member, Nurse Pittfield, now in Holloway; it is hoped they will send contributions of flowers, fruit, cake, and other dainties for Christmas. An evening reception to welcome her will be held on her release, details of which will be published later. The At Homes will be discontinued during the holidays, but paper selling will go on as usual. Miss Mackay will be glad to hear of anyone who will help. Some new members have joined owing to the treatment of the women on the deputation.

HENDON.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Noble, Derby Lodge.

A welcome dinner, organised by local members in conjunction with the North-West London Union, was given to the prisoners of both Unions at the Rustace Miles Restaurant, and was in every respect a great success. The dinner was followed by a delightful evening spent in the Green Salon. Heartily thanks to Miss Rose Leo for her beautiful singing, Miss Winifred Mayo for her charming recitations, Mr. Witty, of the M.P.U., and particularly to Mrs. Rustace Miles for the personal interest she took in making the evening such a success. The beautifully decorated tables and green salon were much admired, and much appreciated was the spirited rendering of the Marseillaise and the Purple, White and Green March by the Ladies' Orchestra.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 66, Cranbrook Road, Ilford.

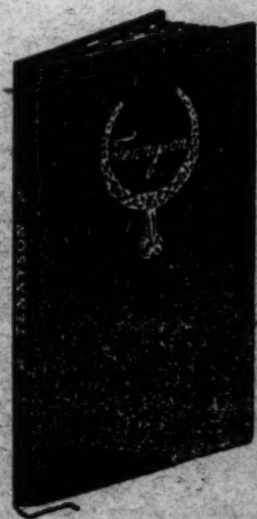
Mr. Lloyd George's public meeting at Ilford was kept an absolute secret till almost the last moment.

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

December.			
Friday, 23.	Croydon, Katharine Street.	Miss L. Hall.	8 p.m.
"	Ilford, Oakfield Road.	Miss Maud Harvey, Miss Haslam.	8 p.m.
"	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway. Rally.	Members.	4 p.m.
Saturday, 24.	Ilford.	Votes Corps.	7 p.m.
"	Lewisham, Shop.	Members and Friends.	4.30 to 7 p.m.
Friday, 30.	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway. Rally.	Members.	4 p.m.

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the women's tickets being most carefully distributed among a few safe members of the Women's Liberal Association. Suffragettes recommended early in the evening, but found the hall guarded by numbers of police from the surrounding districts. As they were recognised, reinforcements of mounted police were sent for. A telegram was sent to Mr. Lloyd George at the meeting. "Remember the Women's Vote on Votes for Women when speaking to-night." The Liberal banner was carried round, and then Suffragettes departed to hold a meeting at Barking. On the following evening, Mr. John Burns was to have been at the Staling Link, but the presence at the door of only five constables was sufficient to show Lloyd members that he was not coming. Two Suffragettes, however, went in and were soon busy answering questions and practically holding a meeting of their own. Needless to say, no Cabinet Minister put in an appearance. A woman who was going past Mr. George's meeting with her husband was heard to say, after looking at the numbers of police: "I don't think he can be a very brave man, John."

ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. H. Casserley, 39, Church Crescent, Muswell Hill, N.

The Hon. Secretary wishes all those who have worked so hard during the past year a very pleasant holiday. Work will be resumed early in the New Year at the new premises. Further announcements later.

LAMBETH.

Organising Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson, 37, Dromedary Road, Streatham.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bartels, 23, Acacia Grove, Dulwich. As already announced, arrangements are being made to have Votes for Women laid upon the table of the West Norwood Public Library, the following ladies having contributed towards the yearly subscription:—Mrs. Austin, Miss Guernsey, Mrs. Vaughan, and Mrs. Tyson. There are several libraries still unprovided in this district. Who will be the next four members to give the local Union this Christmas gift? The following further subscriptions towards election expenses are gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Brewster, £1 5s.; per the Misses Russell; Misses Crawley, 1s.; Mildred Davies, 1s.; Louisa M. Skinner, 1s.; Mrs. Mary B. Bell, 6s.; Mrs. A. B. Hill, 1s.; M. S. S., 6d.; G. O. Mills, 10s.; M. Bateman, 1s. 6d.; L. T. E., 6d.; B. M., 6d.; A. K. W., 1s.; A. E. S., 6d.; Miss F. M. Russell, 2s. 6d.; Miss A. W. Russell, 2s. 6d.; per Miss Dines; Y. H., 1s.; A. B. H., 1s.; Miss Dines, 6s.; Miss Leigh, 6d.; Mrs. Hamilton, 2s.; Mrs. Hildridge, 6s.; Miss Billinghurst, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Ostler, 6s.; Miss Quelch, 6s.; Mrs. Bartels, 2s. 6d.

LEWISHAM.

Shop and Office—107, High Street, Lewisham. Shop hours, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 22, Mount Pleasant Road.

The At-Home at Avenue House on December 13 was well attended. Miss Hill presided, Miss H. Ogston gave an interesting address, and Miss Cox kindly recited. A collection was taken, and the Christmas stall was well patronised. The election fund will remain open until the New Year; contributions will be most welcome. The Jumble Sale will be held on Monday, January 23. Will members and friends help to make the sale a success by sending more parcels to the above address? During the festive season members should endeavour to get regular subscribers to Votes for Women. Forms to be filled in by subscribers can be obtained at the shop. Buy your presents at the Christmas stall. The shop will be closed on December 26 and 27.

NORTH ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Constance Bryer, 49, Tufnell Park, N.

The third of the winter series of drawing-room At Homes was held last Thursday at Miss Bidwell's, and Mrs. Bates was the very well-appreciated speaker, with Miss Mammie in the chair. Several changes in the Committee render a meeting early in the New Year desirable. Will those members forming it therefore attend on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 49, Tufnell Park, at 8 p.m. To the regret of all, Miss Clara Browne has been obliged to resign her post as Hon. Sec. of this branch. Miss Bryer has therefore very kindly undertaken to act in this capacity in future.

N.W. LONDON.

Shop and Office—211, High Road, Kilburn. Tel. 1183, Hampstead.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 12, Nicoll Road, Willesden.

Will those who have not yet completed their Christmas purchases make a point of doing so at the shop, where they will find a splendid variety of articles suitable for presents, and will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping the cause at the same time? Arrangements are in progress for the welcome meeting to the seven North-West London prisoners, which, as already announced, is to take place in January after the release of Miss Alice Barton. Help for clerical work will be gladly welcomed in respect of this meeting. The shop will be closed on December 26 and 27 only. During the Christmas holidays will members please come and increase the sale of Votes for Women, as this work is all important?

PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Shop and Office—28, Prad Street, W. Hon. Sec.—Hon. Mrs. Haverfield.

A most successful Christmas Sale took place here last Tuesday, the sum of £21 6s. being taken. The shop was quite transformed, and looked most attractive with its various stalls. Sincere thanks are due to all members and faithful workers, who managed the whole affair without their organiser, who was busy at Wisbech. There will be no meeting at shop, December 27, or at Harrow Road, to-day (Friday).

SYDENHAM AND FOREST HILL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss A. M. Pollard, Marshwood, 3, Buryhill Road, Sydenham.

One member of this Union will be released from prison to-day (Friday), another will be spending Christmas in Holloway. Promises have been received from the branch to give a weekly subscription during the period of their detention. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss C. Downing is 6d., Miss Metcalfe 2s. 6d., Mrs. Kendall 2s.

WIMBLEDON.

Shop: 6, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon. Tel. 1024, P.O. Wimbledon.

Hon. Organising Sec.: Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hill, Merton, Surrey.

The stress of meetings is over for a time, but members must remember the urgent need of selling the paper on Fridays at the station, 5 to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 to 9 p.m. The Saturday selling processions need to be much larger. The Common meetings will not be held on Christmas Day, nor on New Year's Day, but from January 8 onwards they will be held regularly irrespective of weather, and members are urged to attend to support the speakers, and to sell the paper. The At Home will recommence on January 20, and will be held every Friday at 3.30 p.m., instead of 8 p.m. The shop will be open late each night till Christmas, but will be closed on December 26 and 27. Fresh cut holly can be supplied provided orders arrive not later than the morning of December 24. Thanks to all those who have come forward with offers of help or gifts at this strenuous time, but still greater effort will have to be made to fill the gap occasionally the temporary loss of Mrs. Michael whose health has made complete rest and change imperative. Special thanks to Miss Willson and Mrs. Dingwall Willson for their gifts. Every member must keep January 19 free, and offer to dispose of tickets for the afternoon and evening entertainments to be given on that day in 84, Marks Hall. Full details will be published later. Offers for forwarding, and for special advertising propositions are, however, needed at once.

Home Counties.

BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Strarford Road, Barnet.

A very successful At-Home was held at Highbury, on Wednesday afternoon, December 14. Miss Elizabeth Freeman was the speaker and gave a splendid address. Mrs. Westlake very kindly gave the At-Home and it was largely owing to her unflagging efforts that the meeting was attended with such success. There is urgent need for more frequent drawing-room meetings. Will members and friends able to help in this way communicate with the Secretary? It is proposed to sell the paper in Barnet every Friday, as well as at the Saturday meetings. Volunteers are wanted for the new pitch.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—8, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 1883 Nat. Organiser—Mrs. Clark.

Two meetings on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning were addressed by Miss Nancy Lightman. Miss Deach took the chair on Saturday and Mrs. M. Keown on Sunday. Many copies of Votes for Women were sold and good collections taken. Five new members also joined this week. Details of the arrangements for Mrs. Clark's reception in the beginning of January will be announced later. Miss Cobb, colour secretary, wishes members to buy early at her Christmas Bazaar where there are articles to suit all pockets. The offices will be closed on December 26 and 27.

CANTERBURY AND EAST KENT.

Office—3, York Terrace, Ramsgate. Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay.

The deliberate and unscrupulous boycotting of the Women's movement by the daily Press must arouse the indignant determination of every self-respecting Suffragist to frustrate this disgraceful hoodwinking of public opinion by the increased circulation of Votes for Women. The women of East Kent are not behind in this important method of propaganda. Mrs. Muir, of Broadstairs, and the Misses Berridge, of Margate, distribute two dozen copies each per week, and Mrs. Muir gained six new regular customers for the paper in a week or two. Mrs. Hallie, of Ramsgate, and Miss Buckle-Solly, of Westgate, distribute over a dozen copies each, while a Dover member, a woman who has to work for her living, and is, moreover, handicapped by ill-health, beginning with twelve copies, has taken 50, and has hopes of reaching a distribution of 100 copies a week. She is contemplating sending a copy in time to every house in Dover. The attention of members is called to the fact that for 3d. they can get the paper sent for six months post free to any of their friends in the new form of Christmas or New Year's present, much more acceptable and useful than some of the useless trifles often given away. Offers of help for the increased circulation of the paper will be gladly received by the Organiser, 3, York Terrace, Ramsgate, from whom also all information required can be obtained.

OXFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. F. Richards, 109, Woodstock Road.

It was found inadvisable to retain the temporary shop premises, 55, High Street, beyond December 17, and accordingly on that day, after a successful week's sale, the shop was closed. The local union officers desire to heartily thank all members and friends who helped in the shop, and they would suggest that the best Christmas gift of each member to the Union would be the membership card of one new member. Weekly meetings for women have been arranged in the St. Ebbe's district. Small drawing-room meetings in the Cowley Road district are in course of arrangement.

RAYLEIGH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Warren, B.A., The White Cottage Shop—High Street.

There will be no further meetings until the New Year, but the shop will be opened every evening as usual. Thanks to those who worked so hard during election week, especially on polling day.

READING.

Shop and Office—39A, West Street.

Hon. Sec.—Miss G. L. Cobb.

The two days' sale has been a success, and it is hoped that some much needed furniture and shop fittings can now be purchased. Many thanks to kind friends who sent goods for sale, and to those who bought so generously. There are still a few nice articles left that can be disposed of. The shop will be closed for the week beginning December 25, except on Friday morning, when it will be open for the sale of Votes for Women. The Newbury Sale was also a success 27 being taken.

The Midlands.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel. 1715 Leicester.

Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pothick.

The Christmas Sale has been a great success, and never has so much been sold in the shop. Another table for the shop, and a cupboard (big or little) would be very acceptable. The organiser feels certain some member or sympathiser will be able to lend these things. In the organiser's absence Miss Swain should be consulted. Will all shop-helpers please communicate with Miss D. Brightland if they cannot fulfil their engagements at the shop? Members will be glad to know that on Friday, February 10, Miss Christabel Pankhurst has kindly promised to speak in the Temperance Hall. This date should be kept free. Mrs. Fomberton Peake has most kindly offered to undertake to train a speakers' class, in voice production, elocution and the art of speaking. This generous offer is much appreciated and members are urged to take advantage of it. The shop re-opens Thursday, December 29.

NOTTINGHAM.

Office—5, Carlton Street, Tel. 4311.

Hon. Sec.—Miss C. M. Burgis, B.A., 31, Chaucer Street, Miss Wallis, The Castle.

Lady Isabel Margesson addressed an enthusiastic audience at the Mechanics' Hall on December 14, and Mr. Goodliffe gave very welcome news of Mrs. Goodliffe, whom he had visited in Holloway. The Christmas Sale has been a great success, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Lees, Miss Greenall, and the other members who have helped so generously, giving time and contributions. Will all who have not paid their December subscription to the Shop Fund send it to Miss L. Hickling, Sutherland Lodge, Lucknow Drive? More subscribers are needed. Thursday, January 5, is the probable date of the Welcome Supper to the brave deputation contingent from Nottingham. Will members please save that evening? For particulars and for tickets (price 1s. 6d.) apply to Mrs. Wright, 22, Redcliffe Road, or to Miss Burgis.

West of England.

BATH.

Organiser—Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton.

Shop—12, Walcot Street, Bath.

Many thanks to a local lady for a donation of 10s., and to another friend for 2s. 6d.; to the Misses Telford for keeping the Shop continually supplied with delicious home-made sweets; to Mrs. Everett, for a large amount of new work; to Miss Campbell, for a knitted jacket; and to Mrs. Blawie, for valentines bags. Members are asked to invite their friends to see the pretty and useful articles, suitable for Christmas presents, at the Shop. There is to be a meeting in Bath on January 10, at which Mrs. Kineton Parkes will speak on the subject of Tax Resistance.



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BRISTOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel. 1345. Organiser—Miss Anna Kenney.

The General Election Campaign in the Torquay Division is over. Everything has been a huge success. On polling day members started from Torquay in a decorated motor car. The whole of the constituency was covered, and hundreds of W.S.P.U. leaflets were thrown out to the electors. On arrival at Brixham, where a few days previously so crowded and enthusiastic meetings had been held, hundreds of tawlers were assembled on the quay, and directly they saw the colours, hats came off, handkerchiefs were waved, and many a cheer went up for the Suffragettes. It was a grand sight to see those tawlers so keen and enthusiastic about the women's movement. From Torquay the workers went to Barnstaple, taking all the Election literature that was left over with them, and in two days 6,000 manifestos had been distributed. £39 15s. 4d. has been contributed during the Election Campaign, the greater amount of this being collections. All the local papers have reported the meetings extremely well. Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the Election Campaign in the Torquay Division such a great success.

FALMOUTH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Ross.

c/o Mrs. F. Corbett, The Bungalow.

The election excitement having now died down, workers here are contenting themselves with quiet propaganda work, and pushing the sale of Votes for Women. It is gratifying to see how people in this Western corner are waking up to the importance of this great movement for the emancipation of women from sex bondage. Mrs. Frank Corbett's hard work, addressing numerous meetings both before and during the elections, has certainly borne fruit. With the New Year she proposes holding a series of meetings—for women only—at which she will explain the many legislative acts of the past few years—vital affecting women—but in the passing of which they have had no say. Thus bringing home to women the absolute need of the Parliamentary Franchise being extended to them if social reforms are to make real headway and women workers obtain a fairer standard of wages in the future.

North-Eastern Counties.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street. Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 201, Westgate Road.

Thanks to Mrs. Kennaway's splendid energy and enthusiasm, a very successful ticket meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, Cranlington on Tuesday, Dec. 13th. The decorations were most effective and artistic. Miss Violet Taylor was chairwoman, and Mrs. Atkinson and the organiser were the speakers. Great interest was shown and several questions were asked. There was a good attendance at the Wednesday At Home, when Miss Nora Armstrong related her experiences as a member of the Deputation and in Holloway. Miss Violet Taylor and Dr. Alice Burd also spoke. Members are reminded that the Shop will be closed during the holidays, except on Fridays and Saturdays.

SCARBOROUGH.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst. Hon. Sec.—Miss Saffell, 13, Barkly Street.

Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marjorie Mackenzie, 7, The Valley, Scarborough.

The Cape and Apron Sale on Friday was a great success. Miss Adela Pankhurst opened the sale and welcomed the members of the recent Deputation. Dr. Mackenzie replied, giving a sketch of her prison experience. Over £23 was raised, and through the kindness of Mrs. Cross, of Fylingthorpe, cakes were sent to some of the Suffragettes still in prison, and to Mr. Franklin and Mr. Hawkins. Thanks to Mrs. and the Misses Piper, Mrs. Wardle, Miss Vickermann, Mrs. Burwell, Mrs. Moxon, Mrs. Wickman and Miss Saffell for the success of the sale. The Saturday evening meeting was addressed by Miss Newton, Miss Mary Mackenzie and Mrs. Piper, who gave an account of their Deputation experiences. Miss Piper presided. Miss Newton's speech was very racy, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed it. She ended her speech by declaring she would never pay another Imperial tax until women got votes, making the third promise to resist taxes by women in Scarborough. The meetings will be discontinued until further notice.

North-Western Counties.

LIVERPOOL AND CHESHIRE.

Office—22, Barry Street. Tel. 3741 Royal. Organiser—Miss S. Ada Fitzman.

The office looked quite festive on December 13, 14, and 15, during a Sale of exhibition goods. Many thanks to Mrs. Heathcote, who undertook the decorating. Purchasers had no difficulty in finding something to their liking amongst the goods, which were most varied. Members should call at the Shop during the short time that remains before Christmas, as there are many things suitable for presents on sale. Volunteers for paper-selling are greatly needed during the holidays. Who will help?

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Gertrude Brackenbury and Miss Rosa Robinson.

Central Office—11, St. Anne's Square, Manchester. Tel. 1810 Central.

The office will be closed to-day (Friday), and re-open on Wednesday, January 4. During that time Votes for Women may be had from Mrs. Capper, 21, Oxford Road, Manchester. The next "At Home" will be held at the office on Friday, January 12, not the 8th as stated in last week's Votes for Women. Members are urged to be present.

Scotland.

DUNDEE.

Office—31, Northgate. Organiser—Miss Fraser Smith, M.A.

Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, Lady Stout gave two remarkably interesting addresses on the enfranchisement of women in New Zealand and the good resulting therefrom. The afternoon meeting was held in St. Stephen's Library, Broughty Ferry, and the expenses were generously defrayed by a member. The evening meeting in the upper hall of the Y.M.C.A. Dundee, attracted many strangers. Lady Stout's version of what she saw

in London, when British women go on a peaceful deputation to Britain's Prime Minister, made a valuable impression on the unconverted. Much useful work is being effected in the Flower Market every Saturday. From 2 to 10 p.m. relays of members assist at a stall daintily arranged in the colours and exhibiting Christmas goods, literature, &c. A brisk sale is found for badges and candy, and the good news is spread in the form of free leaflets. Hundreds of "Plain Facts about the Deputation" were given away in this manner. The weekly free meetings came to an end on Wednesday, Dec. 21, and will not be resumed until January 11. Particulars of the New Year's programme will be given later on. Will every member concentrate during the Christmas holidays on selling the paper and obtaining new subscribers?

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—323, Canahall Street.

Tel. 618, Charing Cross.

Organiser—Miss Barbara Wyllie.

The Christmas Sale was very successful, £11 being handed over for the poster fund. Lady Stout opened the Sale and gave a short address, reserving her fuller and most instructive speech for the following day in the Charing Cross Hall, when she delighted a large and most appreciative audience by her convincing proofs of the immense power for good the woman's vote has been in New Zealand. There will be no more Saturday At Homes until after the holidays. Members must read their Votes for Women attentively and regularly in order to keep themselves advised as to the local arrangements. Will they also try their hardest to get new subscribers to the paper? Mrs. Gibb has this week ordered one hundred copies to send instead of Christmas cards—a most excellent example to all. Gratefully acknowledged: Dr. Marion Gilchrist, £10 10s., The Misses Henderson, £5, "Fiat Justitia, ruat cælum," per Mrs. Russell, £5 5s., Mrs. Hector, £1 1s., "A Member," £1 1s., Anon., 10s., Mrs. Gibb, £5, A supporter of militant action, £1 1s., Miss Filshie, £1, Mrs. Craig, £1 1s., Mrs. Turner, £1 1s., "One of The Rank and File," 5s., Miss Thompson, 10s., Mrs. Reid, £2 2s.

ELECTION RESULTS.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE (Wisbech).

RESULT.

Hon. Nell Primrose (L)... .. 5,401

Lord Robert Cecil (C)... .. 4,897

Lib. maj. 544

Result in Jan. —L., 5,279; C., 5,079.—Maj., 200.

W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—White Lion Temperance Hotel.

W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Grace Ross.

The result in this constituency was not unexpected, but in spite of seeming failure it has been a very encouraging campaign. The women in the constituency, which is a large one, grasped most intelligently the justice of woman's demand for enfranchisement and responded loyally to the appeal of the W.S.P.U. workers. One of the most remarkable things about the work has been the large number of women who have signed the membership card and who have sent in their names for the next deputation. Members were astonished on the polling day to find their own Wisbech women at the polling booths urging them to "remember the women, and keep the Liberal out."

DERBY (High Peak).

RESULT.

S. Hill-Wood (C)... .. 5,813

O. Partington (L)... .. 5,639

Con. maj. 174

Result in Jan. —L., 5,912; C., 5,806.—Maj., 106.

W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Mrs. Jennie Baines, c/o Mrs. Harvey, 3, Brooklyn Place, Buxton.

Another triumph for the Woman's Cause. Mrs. Baines, with several helpers, worked hard, distributing W.S.P.U. leaflets, holding meetings, and working in various ways. The result of the election is most satisfactory.

ST. ANDREWS BURGHS.

RESULT.

Major W. Anstruther-Gray (C)... .. 1,973

F. D. Millar (L)... .. 1,638

Con. Gain 335

Result in Jan. —L., 1,507; L.U., 1,468.—Maj., 38.

W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—5, Bell Street, St. Andrews.

W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss C. W. Haig. Another seat lost to the Government that deals with its women unjustly. Splendid work has been done by Miss Haig (one of the women who took part in the deputations of November 18 and 22) and a band of helpers. Meetings have been held, W.S.P.U. election addresses distributed, and Votes for Women kept prominently before the electors. Thanks to all who worked so hard, helping in various ways. The working men who have been most friendly found it hard to believe a Liberal Government could act in such an illiberal manner.

YORKS (Buckrose).

RESULT.

Sir Luke White (L)... .. 4,997

Lieut.-Col. Mark Sykes (C)... .. 4,438

Lib. maj. 559

Result in Jan. —L., 4,957; C., 4,738.—Maj., 218.

W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—Kays Hotel, Driffield.

W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Mary Phillips.

Although the Liberal has not been kept out a great deal of propaganda work has been done. Indoor and outdoor meetings were held in Driffield, Driffield Old Town and New Town, Hummally, Warton, and Kilham, and all these districts were well canvassed. Many, even of those who felt they could not vote against their party, admitted in conversation that they "saw our point," and the audiences were extremely attentive. Special thanks to Dr. Marion Mackenzie, to the Misses Piper, Mrs. Wardle, Miss Horsley, Mrs. Walter Holmes and Mrs. Herbert Holmes for their splendid help.

"WAIT AND SEE!"

"In another ten years you ladies will be sweeping into the polling booth with the men," observed a friendly elector who had just driven up in his motor-car. It was kindly meant.

"Ten years?" queried one of the ladies. "Thank you very much, but we rather mean to sweep into it in ten months—that is, if you continue to give us annual Parliaments."

He laughed appreciatively. "Oh, I'm quite on your side, quite," he declared. "But what I can't make out is why your Union doesn't make friends with one party or the other—mine, for instance, which stands for the will of the people."

"Perhaps it is because your party, on your own showing, thinks we can wait another ten years," suggested the Suffragist.

He smiled again; he really meant very well. "There is a lady in my car who is a keen Suffragette," he said, conciliatingly. "But she doesn't approve of militant methods." He agreed that her qualifications for the part were not thereby augmented. "All the same, she is quite keen about votes for women," he persisted.

The purple, white, and green Suffragist looked puzzled. "Then why is she wearing the colours of a man's party?" she asked. "Does she want to wait ten years too?"

—Evelyn Sharp in the *Manchester Guardian*.

HEROINES OF THE ELECTION.

The *Daily Chronicle* tells of a plucky action by two young women in the Epping Division during the General Election. As an election party were motoring to a political meeting at Fyfield their car was brought to a standstill by the floods. The chauffeur borrowed horses from a farmer, but two men refused to lead the horses through the water, as the animals were very restless with the motor on their heels. The young women, who belonged to the farm, volunteered their help, and wading into the flood waist-deep led the horses through the swiftly running water notwithstanding the darkness and danger.

At the election in East Fifeshire Mr. Asquith's car was followed by another containing an escort of six policemen.—*Times*.

At Battersea Suffragists invaded the constituency early, and remained outside the polling-booths all day, making ceaseless appeals to the voters to keep the Government candidate out.—*Leicester Daily Post*.

Mr. Stanier made a definite statement on the question of Women Suffrage. He said he stood for votes for women on the same lines as the men had them, and this reasonable standpoint is all that reasonable women demand.—*Chester Chronicle*.

THE POINT.

But the opinion has been expressed that the Liberal Government dare not imprison women during the impending General Election. An Captain Oulton would observe, "the point of this here observation lies in the application thereof."

He most ably supports
The procedure of Courts.
And backs the decisions of Oadis;
But in view of the goal
Of success at the Poll
He really can't prosecute ladies!

He's determined the Peace
Shall be kept by police
Wherever a row or a raid is;
But he carefully notes
That his Party needs votes—
So he really can't prosecute ladies!

—*Manchester Courier*.

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Hon. Organising Sec., Victor D. Duval.

A public meeting to welcome Mr. Hugh A. Franklin will be held at the Carlton Hall on Monday, January 16, at 8 p.m. Admission free; reserved seats, 2s. (front rows) and 1s. Fuller particulars will be given next week, meanwhile members and friends are asked to make a note of this date and to make early application for tickets.

A report of the most successful meeting held by this Union at the Carlton Hall on Friday last appears on page 200.

Every member is urged to make a strenuous effort to secure at least two new members for the union during the Christmas holidays. Membership cards and literature will be sent on application.

The hon. treasurer gratefully acknowledges the following sums received to the 17th inst.:

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Mr. Victor Duval addressed a successful meeting at Newcastle on Monday last. Several men joined the Union, and a local branch was founded. The Hon. Sec. (pro tem.) is Mr. Tom Green, Oxley House, Dudley Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MISS MARY GAWTHORPE.

Miss Gawthorpe's medical adviser reports slow but gradual progress towards recovery; it will be essential for Miss Gawthorpe to continue under treatment for some time to come.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Election Mistress—Miss Rosa Lee, 44, Ashworth Mansions, Regent Avenue, W.
Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

The next Speakers' Class will be held on Friday, January 6, at 7.45, in Room 72, at 4, Clements Inn.

RULES.

1. Members of the Union only are eligible.
2. Members are restricted to ten classes, which must be taken in succession. They are open to intending speakers only.
3. There is a fee of 3d. per class, which goes towards the cost of literature.

Miss Lee's Private Classes will take place every Tuesday, from January 10, and every Saturday afternoon, from January 14.

THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

The Annual Birthday Party arranged by the Committee at the Criterion on Friday, December 16, was a great success and the delightful singing of Miss Rosa Lee, Madame Bertha Moore, Miss Margie Moore, Miss Bether Bellinger, Miss Grace Kemp, and Miss May Whitty, was greatly enjoyed. Miss May Whitty charmed everyone with her playing on the 'cello, Miss Eva Moore brought a most enjoyable afternoon to a close by reciting "Father's Soli Spot." Mrs. Pertwee made a most interesting little speech explaining our aims and objects, while Miss May Whitty was hostess for the Committee.

CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

President—The Bishop of Lincoln.

Office—11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W.

The League has entered upon the second year of its existence with more than a thousand members, and fourteen Branches have been established in various parts of the country. The Rev. C. Baumgarten, Vicar of St. George's, Bloomsbury, has kindly lent the Church and Vestry for the following Services and Meetings during January. Jan. 2nd; A Meeting of the Central Branch, at 4.30, Jan. 6th, The Epiphany, A Quiet Day, Jan. 20th, The Annual Meeting of the General Council at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by a Service. Arrangements are being made for a Reception on the evening of Jan. 30th, in order that delegates from the country may have an opportunity of meeting the London Members; particulars as to this will be announced as soon as possible. During the General Election no meetings save those of a devotional character were held. Services took place at St. Mark's, Regent's Park, Prosemer, Rev. Maurice F. Bell, and at the Royal Chapel of the Savoy, Prosemer, Rev. Hugh B. Chapman; Members of the League also attended an Early Celebration at St. Paul's.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

The Christmas Sale on December 6, which Miss Eva Moore opened in a charming speech, proved a great success, £17 being handed over to the treasurer. The Committee are glad to be able to announce that they have secured the services of Miss Helen Ogston as their organiser. Members and friends in London and country, able to arrange meetings for the Option, or who could assist her to arrange meetings in their district, are asked to communicate with the Hon. Secretaries without delay as the New Year's plan of work will shortly be drawn up.

WOMEN'S TAX RESISTANCE LEAGUE.

By the kindness of Miss Gertrude Eaton, a very successful drawing-room meeting was held to discuss the legal aspect of tax resistance. Miss Chadwick was in the chair. Lady Carl Meyer, Mrs. Louis Fagan and Mrs. Kingston Parkes, were the speakers. Information upon the subject may be obtained from the Hon. Sec. at the office, 10, Talbot House, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Mrs. Palmer, hon. sec., presided at the meeting held on Tuesday, December 13. The Misses Cadiz, who recently formed part of the Irish contingent to Westminster, furnished moving and graphic accounts of the battle of Downing Street, at which they were present, and Mr. Keble spoke of the various reforms promoted by women in countries where they had the vote, particularly in reference to child protection and temperance. On Friday, December 16, members were present all day at the various polling stations throughout South Dublin Division, distributing leaflets and selling VOTES FOR WOMEN. The occasion was a specially important one, seeing that Captain Bryant Cooper, the Unionist candidate, was a declared enemy of Woman Suffrage. His opponent, Alderman Cotton, a Suffragist, was returned. There is no doubt that the Suffrage question played a prominent part in ousting Captain Cooper, who at the last election was returned by a small majority. A decorated motor-car plied all day between the various polling stations with literature and caused much excitement among the electorate, being photographed at Rathmines Town Hall as an interesting election novelty. At Dalkey Court House the presiding officer personally came to welcome the Suffragettes and said he sincerely hoped they would come up next time as duly qualified voters. Two women actually voted in the election, their names being accidentally on the register. The Limerick Corporation has unanimously passed a resolution in support of the Conciliation Bill at its last meeting, following the example of Dublin and Cork City Councils. Preparations are actively going forward to give our first batch of prisoners a hearty Irish welcome on their return on Christmas Eve. The procession will form up outside the offices of the League, Great Brunswick St., on Dec. 24, at 4.30, and headed by a band will march to the station, Westland Row, to await the 5.30 train. Members are earnestly requested to attend, precedence in the procession being given to those wearing sashes in the colours, which can be had on application. The associates of the League are forming a guard of honour to the prisoners and will carry torches at fixed intervals along the line of the procession. Any associates wishing to join the body-guard will kindly send in their names to Mr. Palmer, Torch-Marshal.

A CORRECTION.

In the report of a meeting at Falmouth in last week's issue of VOTES FOR WOMEN, it was incorrectly stated that this was a meeting of the local Women's Liberal Association. It was a Woman Suffrage meeting, with the Mayor (Conservative) in the chair, the President of the local Women's Liberal Federation on the platform, and was addressed by Miss M. Corbett, of the N.U.W.S.S.

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